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### BEN JONSON

# Every Man in his Humour 1601

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Everyman in His Humour, Jonson's first undisputed success, was performed initially in late summer of 1598 at the Curtain Theatre, Shore-ditch, by the Lord Chamberlain's Men, with Shakespeare, Burbage, and Kemp among the players. The limits of the date are established by two references. The description of Bobadilla as 'that fencing Burgullion' (III. v. 16) is probably an allusion to a Burgundian fencer, John Barrose, who was hanged for murder on 10 July 1598. A letter dated 20 September 1598 from Toby Matthew to Dudley Carleton mentions a German who lost 300 crowns at 'a new play called, Euery mans humour'.

The comedy exists in two forms: the original quarto version of 1601 (reproduced here) and the revision first printed in the 1616 folio collection of Jonson's Works. The title first appears in the Stationers' Register on 4 August 1600 as 'a booke... to be staied'. This entry probably represents an attempt by the Lord Chamberlain's Men to protect its copyright and prevent piracy of the play. On 14 August 1600, the title was entered for Cuthbert Burby and Walter Burre. The 1601 publication bears the latter's imprint.

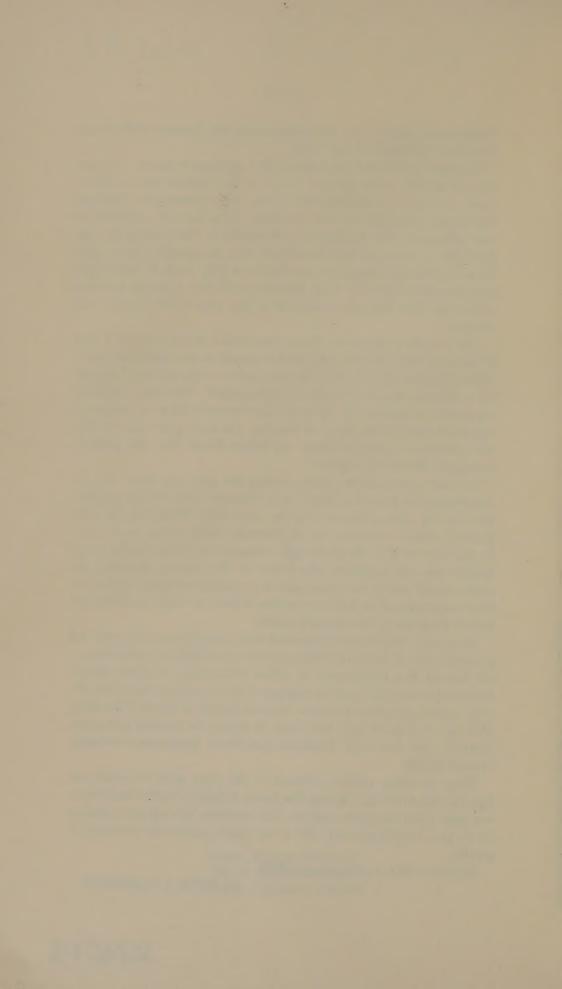
It is not certain when Jonson revised the play; the dates 1605 (in preparation for revival at Court on 2 February) and 1612 (in preparation for the folio collection) are the most likely. Whatever the date, Jonson's masterly revision was undoubtedly based on the quarto text. In the new version, the playwright changed the Italian setting to an English one and anglicized the names of the original characters, he made several cuts in the action, and he purged the religious oaths. The best comparison of the two states is that of Jonas A. Barish in Ben Jonson and the Language of Prose Comedy (1960).

Everyman in His Humour has proved itself among the most popular of Jonson's plays: it has never fallen entirely out of fashion. In addition to the famous first production, in which Shakespeare probably played Lorenzo Senior, other notable stagings of the comedy include Garrick's 1751 version, in which the actor directed himself as Kitely (Thorello); Dickens' revivals of 1845 and 1847, in which the novelist portrayed Bobadil; and the 1937 Stratford-upon-Avon production featuring Donald Wolfit.

There are many modern editions of the play, most of which are based on the 1616 folio. In their *Ben Jonson*, III (1927), Herford and Simpson print both the quarto and the folio versions. The separate editions by H. H. Carter (1921) and J.W. Lever (1971) present the two texts in parallel.

References: STC 14766; Greg 176(A).

CLAUDE J. SUMMERS



## EVERY MANIN his Humor.

As it hath beene sundry times publickly acted by the right

Honorable the Lord Chamberlaine his servants.

Written by BEN. IOHNSON.

Quod non dant proceres, dabit Histrio.

Haudtamen inuidias vati, quem pulpita pascunt.

Imprinted at London for Walter Burre, and are to be fould at his shoppe in Paules Church-yarde.

1601.





## The number and names of the Allors.

Lorenzo senior.

oior. Giuliano.

Prospero.

Lorenzo junier.

Therello.

Biancha.

Stephano.

Hesperidae

Doctor Clement

Peto.

Robadilla.

Musco.

Matheo.

Cob.

Pizo.

Tib.





#### EVERY MAN

inhis Humor.

#### ACTVS PRIMVS, SCENA PRIMA.

Enter Lorenzo di Pazzi Senior, Musco.



Ow trust me, here's a goodly day toward.

Musco, call vp my sonne Lorenzo: bid him rise: tell him, I haue some businesse to implay him in.

Mus. I will, sir, presently. Lore, se. But heare you, sirrah;

If he beat study, disturbehim not,

Muss. Very good, sir. Exis Musco.

Lore se. How happy would I estimate my selfe, Could I (by any meane) retyre my sonne,

From one vayne course of study he affects?
He is a scholler sife a man may trust

He is a scholler (if a man may trust

The lib'rall voyce of double-toung'd report)

Of deare account, in all our Academies.

Yet this polition must not breede in me

A fast opinion, that he cannot erre.

My selfe was once a student, and indeede

Fed with the selfe-same humor he is now,

Dreaming on nought but idle Poetrie:

But since, Experience hath awake my sprit's, Enter Stephano.

And reason taught them, how to comprehend

The source of study. What, cousin Stephane?

What newes with you, that you are here so earely?

Steph. Nothing: but cene come to see haw you doe, vncle.

Lore Se. That's kindly done, you are welcome, cousin.

Steph. 1, I know that fir, I would not have come elle: how docth my coulin, vncle?

Lore.fe. Oh well, well, goe in and fee; I doubt hee's scarce

Rirring yet.

Steph. Vncle, afore I goe in, can you tell me, and he have ere a booke of the sciences of hawking and hunting? I would

B fayne

fayne borrowit.

Lor. Why I hope you will not a hawking now, will you?

Step: No wusse; but ile practise against next yeare: I have bought me a hawke, and bels and all; I lacke nothing but a booke to keepe it by.

Lor. Oh most ridiculous.

Step. Nay looke you now, you are angrie encle, why you know, and a man have not skill in hawking and hunting now a daies, ile not give a rush for him; here is for no gentlemans company, and (by Gods will) I scorne it I, so I doe, to bee a consort for everic hum-drum; hang them scroiles, ther's nothing in them in the world, what doe you talke on it? a gentleman must shew himselfe like a gentleman, encle I pray you be not angrie, I know what I have to do I trow, I am no nouice.

Lor. Go to, you are a prodigal, and telfe-wild foole,

Nay neuer looke at me, it's I that speake,
Take't as you will, ile not flatter you.
What? have you not meanes inow to wast
That which your friends have left you, but you must
Go cast away your money on a Buzzard,
And know not how to keepe it when you have done?
Oh it's brave, this will make you a gentleman,
Well Cosen well, I see you are e'ene past hope
Of all reclaime; I so, now you are told on it, you looke anotherway.

Step. What would you have me do trow?

Lor. What would I have you do? mary

Learne to be wife, and practife how to thrive,

That I would have you do, and not to spend

Your crownes on everie one that humors you:

I would not have you to intrude your selfe.

In everie gentlemans societie,

Till their affections or your owne defert,

Do worthly invite you to the place.

For he thats so respectiesse in his course,

Oft sels his reputation yile and cheape.

Let not your cariage, and behauiour taste
Of affectation, lest while you pretend
To make a blaze of gentrie to the world
A little puffe of scorne extinguish it,
And you be lest like an unsauorie snuffe,
Whose propertie is onely to offend.
Cosen, lay by such superficials formes,
And entertaine a perfect reall substance,
Stand not so much on your gentility,

Enter a ferningman.

But moderate your expences (now at first)
As you may keepe the same proportion still.
Beare a low saile: soft who's this comes here.

Ser. Gentlemen, God saue you.

Step. Welcome goodfriend, we doe not stand much vpon our gentilitie; yet I can assure you mine vncle is a man of a thousand pounde land a yeare; hee hath but one sonne in the world; I am his next heire, as simple as I stand here, if my cofen die: I haue a faire living of mine owne too beside.

Ser. In good time sir.

Step. In good time fir ? you do not flout, do you?

Ser. Not I sir.

Step. And you should, here be them can perceive it, and that quickly too: Go too, and they can give it agains soundly, and need be.

Ser. Why sir let this satisfie you. Good faith I had no such

intent.

Seep. By God, and I thought you had fir, I would talke with you.

Ser. So you may sir, and acyour pleasure.

Step. And so I would fir, and you were out of mine vncles ground, I can tell you.

Lor. Why how now cofen, will this nere be left?

Step. Horson base fellow, by Gods lid, and't were not for shame, I would.

Ler, se, What would you do? you peremptorie Asse,

And

And yowle not be quiet, get you hence.
You see, the gentleman contay nes himselse
In modelt limits, giving no reply
To your vnseason'd rude comparatives;
Yet yowle demeane your selfe, without respect
Eyther of duty, or humanity.
Goe get you in: fore God I am asham'd

Exit Steph.

Thou hast a kinsmans interest in me.

Ser. I pray you, sir, is this Pazzi house?

Lor.fe. Yes mary is it, sir.

Ser. I should enquire for a gentleman here, one Signior Lorenzo di Pazzi; do e you know any such, sir, I pray you?

Lore se. Yes, sir: or else Ishould forget my selfe.

Ser. I crye you mercy, sir, I was requested by a gentleman of Florence (hauing some occasion to ride this way) to deliuer youthis letter.

Lor. se. To me, sir ? What doe you meane? I pray you

remember your curtify.

To his deare and most elected friend, Signior Lorenzo di Pazzi. What might the gentlemans name be, sir, that sent it? Nay, pray you be couer'd.

Ser. Signior Prospero.

Lore, se. Signior Prospero? A young gentleman of the family of Strozzi, is he not?

Ser. I, sir, the same: Signior Thorello, the rich Florentine

merchant married his sister. Enter Musco.

Lore.fe. You say very true. Musco.

Mus. Sir.

I pray you goe in, sir, and't please you. Exeunt.

Now (without doubt) this letter's to my sonne.

Well: all is one: I le be so bold as reade it.

Be it but for the slyles sake, and the phrase;

Both which (I doe presume) are excellent,

And greatly varied from the vulgar forme.

If Prospero's invention gaue them life.

How

How now? what stuffe is here?

Sirba Lorenzo, I muse we cannot see thee at Florence: S'blood, I doubt, Apollo bath get thee to be bis Ingle, that thou commest not abroad, to visit thine old friends: well, take beede of him; bee may doe some what for his houshold servants, or so; But for his Retayners, lam sure, I have knowne some of them, that have followed bim, three, foure, fine yeere together, scorning the world with their bare beeles, of at length beneglad for a shift, (though no cleane shift) to be a whole winter, in halfe a sheete, cursing Charles way ne, and therest of the starres intolerably. But (quis contra diuos?) well; Sirha- Weete villayne, come and see me; but spend one minute in my company, and tis inough: I thinke I have a world of good lefts for thee: oh sirha, I can show thee two of the most perfect, rare, or ab-Solute true Gulls, that euer thou faw'ft, if thou will come. S'blood, inuent some famous memorable lye, or other, to flap thy father in the mouth withall: thou hast bene father of a thousand, in thy dayes, shou could'st be no Poet else: any scirny roguish excuse will serve; fay thou com'st but to fetch wook for thine Inke-borne. And then too, thy Father will say thy wits are a mooll-gathering. But it's no matter; the worse, the better. Any thing is good inough for the old man. Sirba, how if thy Father should see this now? what would be thinke of me? Well, (however I write to thee) I renerence him in my foule, for the generall good all Florence deliners of him. Lorenzo, I consure thee (bywhat, let me (ee) by the depth of our lone, by all the Brange fights we have feene snour dayes, (I or nights eyeber) to come to me to Florence this day. Goto, you shall come, and let your Mulcs goe spinne for once. If thou wilt not, s'hart, what's your gods name? Apollo? I; Apollo. If this melancholy roque (Lorenzo bere) doe not come, graunt, that he doe turne Foole presently, and neuer bereafter, be able to make a good lest, or a blanke verse, but line in more pennrie of wit and Innention, then either the Hall-Beadle, or Poet Nuntins.

Well, it is the strangest letter that ever Iread. Is this the man, my some (so oft) hath prays'd To be the happielt, and most pretious wit

That ever was familiar with Art:

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Now (by our Ladies blessed sonne) I sweare,
I rather thinke him most infortunate,
In the possession of such holy giftes,
Being the master of soloose aspirit.
Why what vnhallowed russian would have writ,
With so prophane a pen, vnto his friend?
The modest paper cene lookes pale for griese
To seele her virgin-cheeke desilde and staind
With such a blacke and criminal inscription.
Well, I had thought my son could not have straied,
So sarre from indgement, as to mart himselse
Thus cheapely, (in the open trade of scorne)
To geering follie, and fantastique bumour.
But now I see opinion is a soole,
And hath abuse my sences. Musco.

Enter Musco,

To

Mus. Sir.

Zor. se. What is the fellow gone that brought this
letter?

Muf. Yes sir, a prettie while fince.

Lor.fe. And wher's Lorenzo? Mrs. In his chamber sir.

Lor.fe. He spake not with the fellow, did he?

Mus. No sir, he saw him not.

Lor. se. Then Musco take this letter, and deliuer it vnto Zorenzo: but sirra, (on your life) take you no knowledge I haue open'd it.

Muss. O Lord sir, that were a iest in deed. Exis Muss.

Nor will I practife any violent meane,
To stay the hot and lustic course of youth,
For youth restraind straight growes impatient,

And (in condition) like an eager dogge,
Who (ne're so little from his game withheld)
Turnes head and leapes vp at his masters throat.

Therefore ile Rudie (by some milder drift)

To call my sonne unto a happier shrift.

Exit.

SCENA SECVNDA.

Enter Lorenzo innior, with Musco.

Mus. Yes sir, (on my word) he opend it, & read the contents.

Lor.iu. It scarle contents me that he did so. But Muse didst
thou observe his countenance in the reading of it, whether hee
were angric or please?

Mus. Why sir I saw him not reade it.

Lo.in. No? how knowest thou then that he opend it?

Mus. Marry sir because he charg'd mee (on my life) to tell no body that he opendit, which (valesse he had done) he wold neuer seare to haueit reueald.

Lo,sn. Thats true : well Musco hie thee in againe,

Least thy protracted absence do lend light, Enter Stophan.

To darke suspicion: Musico be assured. Ile not forget this thy respective love.

Step. Oh Musco, didst thou not see a fellow here in a whatsha-callum doublet; he brought mine vncle a letter enen now?

Mus. Yes sir, what of him?

Step. Where is he, canst thou tell?

Muss. Why he is gone.

Step. Gone? which way? when went he? how long fince?
Mus. Its almost halfe an houre ago since he rid hence.

Step. Horson Scanderbag rogue, oh that I had a horse; by Gods lidde i'de fetch him backe againe, with heave and ho.

Mus. Why you may have my masters bay gelding, and you will.

Seep. But I haue no boots, thats the spite on it.

Muf. Then its no boot to follow him, Let him go and hang

Seep. I by my troth; Musco, I pray thee help to trusse me a little; nothing angers mee, but I have waited such a while for him all value d and vatrust yonder, and now to see heeis gone the other way.

Muf. Nay I pray you stand still sir.

Step. I will, I will: oh how it vexes me.

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Ma. Tuc.

Muss. Tut, rieuer vexe your selfe with the thought of such a base sellow as he.

Step. Nay to see, he stood vpon poynts with me too.

Muss. Like inough so; that was, because he saw you had so fewe at your hose.

Step. What? Hast thou done? Godamercy, good Musco. Mus. I marle, sir, you weare such ill-fauourd course stoc-

kings, hauing so good a legge as you have.

Step. Fo, the stockings be good inough for this time of the yeere; but Ile haue a payre of silke, e're it be long: I thinke, my legge would show well in a silke hose.

Mus. Iafore God would it rarely well.

Step. In fadnesse I thinke it would: I have a reasonable good legge.

Mus. You have an excellent good legge, sir.: I pray you

pardon me, I haue a little haste in, sir.

Step. A thousand thankes, good Musco. Exit.
What, I hope he laughs not at me; and he doe

Lo,iun. Here is a style indeed, for a mans sences to leape ouer, e're they come at it: why, it is able to breake the shunnes of any old mans patience in the world. My father reade this with patience? Then will I be made an Eunuch, and learne to sing Ballads. I doe not deny, but my father may have as much patience as any other man; for hee vses to take phisicke, and oft taking phisicke, makes a man a very patient creature. But, Signior Prospero, had your swaggering Episte here, arrived in my fathers hands, at such an houre of his patience, (I meane, when hee had tane phisicke) it is to bee doubted, whether I should have read sweete villayne here. But, what? My wise cousin; Nay then, I le furnish our feast with one Gull more toward a messe; hee writes to mee of two, and here's one, that's three, stayth. Oh for a fourth: now, Fortune, or never Fortune.

Step. Oh, now Isee who he laught at: hee laught at some body in that letter. By this good light, and he had laught at

me, I would have told mine vncle.

Lo. iun. Cousin Stephano: good morrow, good cousin, how

how fare you?

Step. The better for your asking, I will affure you. I have beene all about to feeke you; fince I came I faw mine vncle; & ifaith how have you done this great while? Good Lord, by my

troth I am glad you are well cousin.

Lor, in. And I am as glad of your comming, I protelt to you, for I am fent for by a private gentleman, my most specials deare friend, to come to him to Florence this morning, and you shall go with me cousin, if it please you, not els, I will enioyne you no further then stands with your owne consent, and the condition of a friend.

Step. Why cousin you shall command me and twere twife so farre as Florence to do you good; what doe you thinke I will

not go with you? I protest.

Lo.iu. Nay, nay, you shall not protest.

Step. By God, but I will fir, by your leave ile protest more to my friend then ile speake of at this time.

Lo.in. You speake very well sir.

Step. Nay not so neither, but I speake to serue my turne.

Loiu. Your turne? why cousin, a gentleman of so faire fort as you are, of so true cariage, so speciall good parts; of so deare and choice estimation; one whole lowest condition beares the stampe of a great spirit; nay more, a man so grac'd, guilded, or rather (to vie a more fit Metaphor) tintoyld by nature, not that you have a leaden constitution, couze, although perhaps a little inclining to that temper, & so the more apt to melt with pittie, when you fall into the fire of rage ) but for your lustre onely. which reflects as bright to the world as an old Ale-wives pew ter againe a good time; and will you now (with nice modeltie) hidefuch reall ornaments as thefe, and thadow their glorie as a Millaners wife doth her wrought stomacher, with a smoakie lawne or a blacke cipresse? Come, come, for shame doe not wrong the qualitie of your defert in so poore a kind; but let the Idea of what you are, be portraied in your aspect, that men may reade in your lookes; Here within this place is to be seene, the most admirable rare & accomplishe worke of nature; Coulin what think

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you of this?

Step. Marry I do thinke of it, and I will be more melancholie, and gentlemanlike then I have beene, I doe enfure you.

Lo.in. Why this is well: now if I can but hold up this humor in him, as it is begun, Catfo for Florence, match him & she can; Come cousin.

Step. Ile follow you. Le.in. Follow me? you must go before. Step. Must le nay then I pray you shew me good cousin.

EXCUR:

#### SCENA TERTIA.

Enter Signior Matheo, to bim Cob.

Mat. I thinke this be the house: what howgh?

Cob. Who's there? oh Signior Matheo. God give you good morrow fir.

Mat. What? Cob? how doest thou good Cob? doest thou inhabite here Cob?

Cob. I sir, I and my lineage haue kept a poore house in our daies.

Mat. Thy lineage monsieur Cob? what lineage, what lineage? Cob. Why sir, an ancient lineage, and a princely emine ancetrie came from a kingsloynes, no worse man; and yet no man neither, but Herring the king of sish, one of the monarches of the world I assure you. I doe fetch my pedegree and name from the first redde herring that was eaten in Adam, & Eues kitchin: his Cob was my great, great, mighty great grandsather.

Mat. Why mightie? why mightie?

C.b. Ohits a mightie while agoe sir, and it was a mightie great C.b.

Mat. How knowest thou that?

Cob. How know I? why his ghost comes to me every night.

Mat. Oh vnsauorie iest : the ghost of a herring Cob.

Cob. I, why not the gholf of a kerring Cob, as well as the gholf of Rashero Baccono, they were both brould on the coales: you are a scholler, vptolue me that now.

Mat. Ohrude ignorance. Ceb canst thou shew me, of a ge-

tleman, one Signior Bobadilla, where his lodging is

Cob.

Cob. Oh my guelt sir, you meane?

Mat. Thy guest, alas? ha, ha. (dilla? Cob. Why do you laugh siredo you not meane signior Boba-Mat. Cob I pray thee aduste thy selfe well: do not wrong the

gentleman, and thy selfe too. I dare be sworne hee scornes thy house hee. He lodge in such a base obscure place as thy house? Tut, I know his disposition so well, he would not lie in thy bed

ifthould'it give it him.

in it) we could not get him to bed all night. VV ell fir, though he lie not on my bed, he lies on my bench, and't please you to go vp fir, you shall find him with two cushions vnder his head, and his cloake wrapt about him, as though he had neither won nor lost, and yet I warrant hee ne're cast better in his life then hee hath done to night.

2141. Why was he drunke?

cob. Drunk fir? you heare not me fay so; perhaps he swallow'd atauerne token, or some such deuse fir; I have nothing to doe withal: I deale with water and not with wine. Give me my tankard there, ho. God be with you sir, its sixe a clocke: I should have caried two turnes by this, what ho? my stopple come.

Mat. Lie in a waterbearers house, a gentleman of his note? well ile tell him my mind.

Cob. What Tib, shew this gentleman up to Signior Bobadida: oh and my house were the Brazen head now, faith it
would eene crie moe fooles yet: you should have some now,
would take him to be a gentleman at the least; alas God helpe
the simple, his father's an honest man, a good sistemonger, and
so forth: and now doth he creep and wriggle into acquaintance
with all the brave gallants about the towne, such as my guest is,
(oh my guest is a fine man) and they flout him invincible. He
vieth every day to a Marchats house (where I serve water) one
M. Thorellos; and here sthe iest, he is in love with my masters
sister, and cals her mistres; and there he sits a whole afternoone
sometimes, reading of the seam abhominable, vile, (a poxe
on them, I cannot abide them) rascally verses, Postrie, postrie,
and

and speaking of Enterludes, t'will make a man burst to heare him: and the wenches, they doe so geere and tihe at him; well, should they do as much to me, Ild torsweare them all, by the life of Pharoah, there's an oath: how many waterbearers shall you heare sweare such an oath? oh I have a guest (he teacheth me) he doth sweare the best of any man christned: By Phabus, By the life of Pharaoh, By the body of me, As I am gentleman, and a soldier: such daintie oathes; & withall he doth take this same filthie roaguish Tabacco the finest, and cleanliest; it wold do a man good to see the sume come forth at his nostrils: well, he owes me fortie shillings (my wife lent him out of her purse; by sixpence a time) besides his lodging; I would I had it: I shall have it he saith next Assian, Helter skelter, hang sortow, care will kill a cat, vptailes all, and a poxe on the hangman.

Exit.

Bobadilla discouers himselse: on a bench; to him Tib.

Bob. Hottesse, hostesse. Tib. What say you sir?

Bob. A cup of your small beere sweet hostelle.

Tib. Sir, ther's a gentleman below would speake with you.

Bob. Agentleman, (Gods so) I am not within,

Tib. My husband told him you were fir. Bob. What ha plague? what meant he?

Mat. Signior Bobadilla. Matheo within.

Bob. Who's there? (take away the bason good hostesse)

come vp sir.

Tib. He would desire you to come vp sir; you come into a

cleanly house here.

Mat. Godsaue you sir, Godsaue you. Enter Matheo.

Bob. Signior Matheo, is tyou sir? please you sit downe.

Mat. I thanke you good Signior, you may see, lam some-

what audacious.

Bob. Not so Signior, I was requested to supper yesternight by a sort of gallants where you were wisht for, and drunke to I assure you.

Mat. Vouchsafe me by whom good Signior.

Bob.

Bob. Marrie by Signior Prospero, and others, why hostesse, a stoole here for this gentleman.

Mat. No haste sir, it is very well.

Bob. Bodie of me, it was so late ere we parted last night, I can scarse open mine eyes yet; I was but new risen as you came: how passes the day abroad sire you can tell.

Mat. Faith some halfe houre to seven: now trust me you have an exceeding fine lodging here, very neat, and private.

Bob. I sir, sit downe I pray you: Signior Matheo (in any case) possesse no gentlemen of your acquaintance with notice of my lodging.

Mat. Who I fire no.

Bob. Not that I neede to care who know it, but in regard I would not be so popular and generall, as some be.

Mat. True Signior, I conceiue you.

Bob. For do you scesir, by the hart of my selfe (except it be to some peculiar and choice spirits, to whom I am extraordinatily ingaged, as your selfe, or so) I would not extend thus farre-

Mat. O Lord sir Iresolue so.

Bob. What new booke haue youthere? what? Go by Hiero-

Mat. I, did you euer see it acted? is't not well pend?

Bob. Well pend: I would faine see all the Poets of our time pen such another play as that was; they I prate and swagger, and keepe a stirre of arte and deuises, when (by Gods so) they are the most shallow pittifull fellowes that live vpon the face of the

carth againe.

Mat. Indeede, here area number of fine speeches in this booke: Oh eyes, no eyes but sountaines fraught with teares; there's a concert: Fountaines fraught with teares. Oh life, no life, but. Isnely forme of death: is't not excellent? Ohworld, no world, but masses spublique wrongs; O Gods mee: consuste and fild with murther and misseeds.

Is tnot simply the best that ever you heard?

Ha, how do youlike it?

Bob. Tis good,

Mat.

Mas. To thee the purest object to my sence,
The most refined essence bearen toners,
Send I these lines, wherein I do commence
The happie state of true descruing louers.
If they prone rough, unpolish't, barsh and rude,
Haste made that maste; thus mildly I conclude.

Bob. Nay proceed, proceed, where's this? where's this?

Mat. This sir, a toy of mine owne in my nonage: but when will you come and see my studie? good faith I can shew you some verie good thinges I have done of late: that boote becomes your legge passing well sir, me thinks.

Bob. So, so, it's a fashion gentlemen vse.

Mat, Masse sir, and now you speake of the fashion, Signior Prosperos elder brother and I are fallen out exceedingly this other day I hapned to enter into some discourse of a hanger, which I assure you, both for fashion & workmanship was most beautifull and gentlemansike; yet hee condemned it for the most pide and ridiculous that ever he saw.

Bob. Signior Giuliano, was it not? the elder brother?

Mat. Ifir, he.

Bob. Hang him Rookehe? why he has no more judgement then a malt horse. By S. George, I hold him the most peremptoric absurd clowne (one athem) in Christendome: I protest to you (as I am a gentleman and a soldier) I ne're talk't with the like of him; he has not so much as a good word in his bellie, all iron, iron, a good commoditie for a smith to make hobnailes on.

Mat. I, and he thinkes to earrie it away with his manhood still where he comes: he brags he will give mee the bastinado,

as I heare.

Bob. How, the bastinado? how came he by that word trow?

Mat. Nay indeed he said cudgill me; I tearmd it so for the
more grace.

Bob. That may bee, for I was sure it was none of his word:

but when, when faid he fo?

Mar. Faith yesterday they say, a young gallant a friend of mine

minetold me so.

Bob. By the life of Pharaoh, and't were my case nowe, I should send him a challenge presently: the bastinado? come hither, you shall challenge lum; ile shew you atticke or two, you shall kill him at pleasure, the first stockado if you will, by this ayre.

mar. Indeed you have absolute knowledge in the mistery,

I haue heard sir.

Bob. Of whom? of whom I pray?

Mat. Faith I have heard it spoken of divers, that you have verie rare skill sir.

Bob. By heaven, no, not I, no skill in the earth: some small science, know my time, distance, or so, I have profess it more for noblemen and gentlemens vie, then mine owne practice I assure you. Hostesse, lend vs another beditaffehere quickly a looke you sir, exalt not your point about this state at any hand, and let your poyneard maintaine your defence thus: give it the gentleman. So sir, come on, oh twine your bodie more about, that you may come to a more sweet comely gentleman-like guard; so indifferent. Hollow your bodie more sir, thus a now stand fast on your lest leg, note your distance, keep your due proportion of time: oh you disorder your point most vilely.

Mat. Howis the bearing of it now fir?

Bob. Oh out of measure ill, a well experienced man would passe vpon you at pleasure.

Mat. How meane you passe vpon me?

Bob. Why thus fir? make a thrust at me; come in vpon my time; controll your point, and make a full carriere at the bodie: the best practifed gentlemen of the time terms it the passado, a most desperate thrust, beleeve it.

Mat. Well, come sir.

Bob. Why you do not manage your weapons with that facilitie and grace that you should doe, I have no spirite play with you, your dearth of judgement makes you seeine tedious.

Mas. But one veny fir,

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Beb.

Bob. Fieveney, most grosse denomination, as ever I heard: oh the flockado while you live Signior, note that. Come put on your cloake, and weele go to some private place where you are acquainted, some taverne or so, & weele send for one of these fencers, where he shall breath you at my direction, and then ile teach you that tricke, you shall kill him with it at the first if you please: why see learne you by the true indgement of the eye, hand and foot, to controll any mans point in the world; Should your adversary confront you with a pistoll, t'were nothing, you should (by the same rule) controll the bullet, most certaine by Phabas; vales it were haile-shot; what mony have you about you sir?

Mat. Faith I have not past two shillings, or so.

Bob. Tis somewhat with the least, but come, when we have done, weele call vp Signior Prospero; perhaps we shal meet with Coridon his brother there.

Exeunt

#### SCENA QVARTA.

Enter Thorello, Giuliano, Piso.

Tho. Pilo, come hither: there lies a note within wpon my deske; here take my key: it's no matter neither, where's the boy?

Piso. Within sir, in the warehouse.

Thor. Let him tell ouer that Spanish gold, and weigh it, and do you see the deliuerie of those wares to Signior Bentiuole: ile be there my selfeat the receipt of the money anon.

Piso. Verie good sir. Exit Piso.

Tho. Brother, did you see that same fellow there?

Gin. I, what of him?

Tha. He is e'ene the honestest faithfull servant, that is this day in Florence; (Ispeake a proud word now) and one that I durst trust my life into his hands, I have so strong opinion of his love, if need were.

Gin. Godsend me neuer such need : but you said you had

Somewhat to tell me, what is't?

Tho, Faith brother, I am loath to vtter it,

As fearing to abuse your patience,
But that I know your judgement more direct,
Able to sway the nearest of affection.

Gin. Come, come, what needs this circumstance?

The. I will not say what honor I ascribe
Vnto your friendship, nor in what deare state
I hold your loue; let my continued zeale,
The constant and religious regard,
That I have ever caried to your name,
My cariage with your sister, all contest,
How much I stand affected to your house,

Gin. You are too tedious, come to the matter, come to the

matter.

The. Then (without further ceremony) thus. My brother Prospero (Iknow not how) Of late is much declin'd from what he was. And greatly alterd in his disposition. When he came first to lodge here in my house. Ne're trust megif I was not proud of him: Methought he bare himselfe with such observance, So true election and so faire a forme: And (what was chiefe) it showd not borrowed in him. But all he did became him as his owne, And seemd as perfect, proper, and innate, Vnto the mind, as collor to the blood, But now, his course is so irregular, So loose affected, and depriud of grace. And he himselfe withall so farrefalne off From his first place, that scarle no note remaines,. To tell mens judgements where he lately stood; Hee's growne a stranger to all due respect, Forgetfull of his friends, and not content To stale himselfe in all societies, Hemakes my house as common as a Mart, A Theater, a publike receptacle For giddie humor, and diseased riot,

And

And there, (as in a Tauerne, or a stewes,)
He, and his wilde associates, spend their houres,
In repetition of lasciulous lests,
Sweare, leape, and dance, and reuell night by night,
Controll my servants: and indeed what not?

Gim. Faith I know not what I should say to him: so God sauc mee, I am cene at my wits end, I have tolde him inough, one would thinke, if that would serve: well, he knowes what to trust to for me: let him spend, and spend, and domineere till his hart ake; & he get a peny more of me, Ile give him this eare.

Tho. Nay good Brother have patience.

Gin. S'blood, he mads me, I could este my very flesh for anger: I marle you will not tell him of it, how he disquiets your house.

The. Othere are divers reasons to dissivade me, But would your selfe youch safe to trauaile in it, (Though but with plaine, and easie circumstance,) It would, both come much better to his fence, And sauor lesse of griefe and discontent. You are his elder brother, and that title Confirmes and warrants your authoritie: Which (seconded by your aspect) will breed A kinde of duty in him, and regard. Whereas, if I should intimate the least, It would but adde contempt, to his neglect, Heape worse on ill, reare a huge pile of hate, That in the building, would come tottring downe, And in her ruines, bury all our loue. Nay more then this brother; (if I should speake) He would be ready in the heate of passion, To fill the eares of his familiars. With oft reporting to them, what disgrace And groffe disparagement, I had propot'd him, And then would they straight back him, in opinion, Make some loose comment upon every word, And out of their distracted phantalies; Contriue some slander, that should dwell with me,

And

And what would that be thinke you a mary this They would give out, (because my wife is fayre, My selfe but lately married, and my sister Heere follourning a virgin in inythouse). That I were icalous: nay, as fure as death, Thus they would fay : and how that I had wrongd My brother purpolely, thereby to finde An apt pretext to banish them my house.

Gin. Masse perhaps so.

Tho. Brother they would beleeve it: fo should I (Like one of these penurious quack-staluers,) But trie experiments vpon my selfe, Open the gates vnto mine owne difgrace, Lend bare-ribd enuic, oportunitte.

To stab my reputation, and good name. Enter Boba; and Mathee.

Mat. I will speake to him.

Bob. Speake to him? away, by the life of Pharoab you shall not, you shall not do him that grace: the time of daye to you Gentleman: is Signior Prospero stirring?

Giu. How then? what should he doe! Bob. Signior Thorello, is he within fir?

The. He came not to his lodging to night fir, I assure you.

Giu. Why do you heare? you. Bob. This gentleman hath satisfied me, Ile talke to no Sca-

Excuns.

Gin. How Scauenger ? Stay fir stay.

Tho. Nay Brother Ginliano.

Gin, S'blood stand you away, and you loue me. The. You shall not follow him no. v I pray you,

Good faith you shall not.

Gia. Ha? Scauenger? well goeto, I say little, but, by this good day (God forgine me I should sweare) if I put it vp so, fay I amtherankeit-that euer pilt. S'blood and I sivallowe this, He neere drawe my sworde in the sight of man againe while I line; He fit in a Barne with Madge-owlee first, Scauenger? 'Harr and He goeneere to fill that huge tumbrell

timbrell slop of yours with somewhat and I have good lucke, your Garagantua breech cannot carry it away so.

Tho. Oh do not fret your selfe thus, neuer thinke on't.

Cumrades, his walking mates, hees a gallant, a Caneliero too, right hangman cut. God let me not live, and I could not finde in my hart to living e the whole nest of them, one after another, and begin with him first, I am grieu'd it should be said he is my brother, and take these courses, well he shall heare on't, and that tightly too, and I live Itaith.

The. Butbrother, let your apprehension (then)

Runne in an easie current, not transported
With heady rashines, or devouring choller,
And rather carry a perswading spirit,
Whose powers will pearce more gently; and allure,
Thimpersect thoughts you labour to reclaime,
To a more sodaine and resolu'd assent.

Gui. I,I, let me alone for that Iwarrant you. Bell rings.

The. How now? oh the bell rings to breakefast.

Brother Giuliane, I pray you go in and beare my wife company: Ile but give order to my fervants for the dispatche of some bufines and come to you presently.

Enter Cob.

What Cob? our maides will have you by the back (Ifaith)

For comming to late this morning.

by the belly for walking so late in the euening. Exit.

The. Now (in good faith) my minde is somewhat case.

Though not repoid in that securitie,
As I could wish; well, I must be content,
How e're I set a face on't to the world,
Would I had soft this finger at a vente,
So Prespere had ne're lodg'd in my house,
Why't cannot be, where there is such resort
Of wanton gallants, and young reuellers,
That any woman should be honest long.

I'st like, that factious beauty will preserve The fourraigne state of chastitie vnscard, When such throng motives mutter, and make head Against her single peace? no,no: beware When mutuall pleasure swayes the appetite, And spirits of one kinde and qualitie, Do meete to parlee in the pride of blood. Well (to be plaine) if I but thought, the time Had answer'd their affections: all the world Should not perswade me, but I were a cuckold; Mary I hope they have not got that start. For opportunity hath balkt them yet, And shall do still, while I have eyes and cares Toattend the imposition of my hart, My presence shall be as an Iron Barre, Twixt the conspiring motions of desire, Yea euery looke or glaunce mine eye obiects, Shall checke occasion, as one doth his slaue, When he forgets the limits of prescription.

Bia. Sister Hesperida, I pray you setch downe the Rose water about in the closet: Sweete hart will you come in to breakfalt.

Exit Hesperida.

The. And she have over-heard me now?

Bia. I pray thee (good Musse) we stay for you.

The. By Christ I would not for a thousand crownes.

Bia. VV hat ayle you sweete hare, are you not well, speake good Musse.

The. Troth my head akes extreamely on a suddaine.

Bia. Oh Iesu!

The How now what?

Bia. Good Lord how it burnes? Musse keepe you warme, good truth it is this new disease; there's a number are troubled withall: for Gods sake sweete heart, come in out of the ayre.

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The. How simple, and how subtill are her answeres? A new disease, and many troubled with it, Why true, she heard me all the world to nothing.

Bia. I pray thee good sweet heart come in; the ayre will do

you harme in troth.

The. Ile come to you presently, it will away I hope.

Bia. Pray God it do.

Tho. A new disease? I know not, new or old,

But it may well be call'd poore mortals Plague; For like a pestilence it doth infect The houses of the braincifirst it begins Solely to worke vpon the fantasie, Filling her feat with fuch pestiserous aire, As soone corrupts the judgement, and from thence, Sends like contagion to the memorie, Still each of other catching the infection, Which as a searching vapor spreads it selfe Confusedly through every sensive part, Till not a thought or motion in the mind Be free from the blacke poilon of suspect. Ah, but what error is it to know this, And want the free election of the foule

In such extreames? well, I will once more striue, (Euen in despight of hell) my selfe to be, And shake this feather off that thus shakes me.

Exit.

Exit.

#### ACTVS SECVNDVS, SCENA PRIMA.

Enter Musco disguised like a soldier. Musco. S'blood, I cannot chuse but laugh to see my selfe translated thus, from a poore creature to a creator; for now must I create an intolerable sort of lies, or else my profession looses his grace, and yet the lie to a man of my coat, is as ominous as the Fice, oh fir, it holds for good policie to have that outwardly invilest estimation, that inwardly is most deare to

vs: So much formy borrowed shape. Well, the troth is, my maister intends to follow his sonne drie-foot to Florence, this morning: now I knowing of this conspiracie, and the rather to infinuate with my young mafter, (for fo must wee that are blew watters, or men of service doe, or else perhaps wee may weare motley at the yeares end, and who weares motley you know!) I have got me afore in this disguise, determining here to lie in ambuscado, & intercept him in the midway: if I can but get his cloake, his putle, his hat, nay any thing fo I can itay his tourney, Rex Regum, I am made for euer ifaith: well, now must I practise to get the true garbe of one of these Launceknighes; my arme here, and my: Gods so, young master and his coulin.

Enter Lo.iu. and Step.

Zo.in. So fir, and how then?

Sep. Gods foot, I have lost my purse, I thinke.

Ze.is. How? lost your purse? where? when had you it?

Step. I cannot tell, stay.

Muss. S'hid sam afeard they willknow mezwould scould get by them.

Lo. in. What? have you it?

Step. No, I thinke I was bewitcht, I.

Lo. 18. Nay do not weep, a poxe on it, hang it let it go.

Sep, Ohie's here; may and it had beene lott, I had not car d but for a jet ring Maina' entine.

Lo in. Aietring? oh the poelie, the poelie?

Step. Fine ifaith: Though fancie flespe, my loue is deepe: meaning that though Idid not fancie her, yet shee loued mee dearely.

Lo, sw. Most excellent.

Seep. And then I sent her another, and my poesie was; The deeper the sweeter, He be sudg'd by Saint Peter.

Lo. in . How, by S. Peter! I do not conceiue that. Step. Marrie, S. Petertomake vp the meeter.

Lo, in. Well, you are beholding to that Saint, he help't you at your need; thanke him, thanke him. MINS.

Mus. I will venture, come what will: Gentlemen, please you chaunge a few crownes for a verie excellent good blade here; I am a poore gentleman, a soldier, one that (in the better state of my fortunes) scornd so meane a refuge, but now its the humour of necessitie to haue it so: you seeme to be gentlemen well affected to martiall men, els I should rather die with silence, then liue with shame: howe're, vouch safe to remember it is my want speakes, not my selfe: this condition agrees not with my spirit.

Lo. in. Where halt thou foru'd?

Mus. May it please you Signior, in all the prouinces of Bohemia, Hungaria, Dalmatia, Poland, where not? I have beene a poore service by sea and land, any time this xiii, yeares, and follow'd the fortunes of the best Commaunders in Christendome. I was twise shot at the taking of Aleppo, once at the reliefe of Vienna; I have beene at America in the galleyes thrise, where I was most dangerously shot in the head, through both the thighes, and yet being thus maim'd I am voide of maintenance, nothing less me but my scarres, the noted markes of my resolution.

Step. How will you sell this Rapier friend?

Muss. Faith Signior, I referre it to your owne iudgement; you are a gentleman, giue me what you please.

Step. True, I am a gentleman, I know that; but what though,

I pray you fay, what would you aske?

Mnf. I assure you the blade may become the side of the best prince in Europe.

Lo.iu. I, with a veluet scabberd.

Step. Nay and't be mine it shall have a veluet scabberd, that is flat, i'de not weare it as'tis and you would give me an angell.

Mus. At your pleasure Signior, nay it's a most pure Toledo.

Seep. I had rather it were a Spannard: but tell me, what shall I give you for it? and it had a filuer hilt

Lo.in. Come, come, you shall not buy it; holde there's 2

Aulling friend, take thy Rapier.

Step. Why but I will buy it now, because you say so: what shall

shall I go without a rapier?

Lo.in. You may buy one in the citie.

Step. Tut, ile buy this, so I will; tell me your lowest price.

Le.in. You shall not I say.

Step. By Gods lid, but I will, though I give more then tis worth.

Lo. in. Come away, you are a foole.

Step. Friend, ile haue it for that word: follow me.

Muss. Atyour service Signior.

Exemps.

#### SCENA SECVNDA.

Enter Lorenze senier. Lore. My labouring spirit being late opprest With my sonnes follie, can embrace no reit, Till it hath plotted by aduile and skill, How to reduce him from affected will To reasons manage; which while I intend, My troubled soule beginnes to apprehend A farther secret, and to meditate Vponthe difference of mans estate: Where is deciphered to true judgements eye A deep, conceald, and precious milterie. Yet can I not but worthily admire At natures art: who (when she did inspire This heat of life) plac'd Reason (as a king) Here in the head, to have the marshalling Of our affections: and with souer aigntie To sway the state of our weake emperie. But as in divers commonwealthes we fee. The forme of government to dilagree: Euen lo in man who learcheth loone shal find As much or more varietie of mind. Some mens affections like a fullen wife, Is with her husband reason still at strife. Others (like proud Arch-traitors that rebell Against their soucraigne) practise to expell

Their

Their liege Lord Reason, and not shame to tread Vpon his holy and annointed head.
But as that land or nation best doth thrine,
Which to smooth-fronted peace is most procline,
So doth that mind, whose faire affections rang'd
By reasons rules, it ind constant and vnchang'd,
Els, if the power of reason be not such,
Why do we attribute to him so much?
Or why are we obsequious to his law,
If he want spirit our affects to awe?
Oh no, I argue weakly, he is strong,

Inter Musco.
Albeit my sonne have done him too much wrong.

Mnf. My master: nay faith have at you: I am fleshe now I have speed so well: Gentleman, I beseech you respect the estate of a poor soldier; I am asham'd of this base course of life (God's my comfort) but extremitie provokes meto't, what remedie?

Loren. I have not for you now.

Muss. By the faith I beare vnto God, gentleman, it is no ors dinarie custome, but onely to preserve manhood. I protest to you, a man I have bin, a man I may be, by your sweet bountie.

Lor. I pray thee good friend be fatisfied.

Mus. Good Signior: by Ielia you may do the part of a kind gentleman, in lending a poore soldier the price of two cans of beere, a matter of small value, the King of heauen shall pay you, and I shall rest thankfull: sweet Signior.

Loren. Nay and you be so importunate

Mus. Oh Lordsir, need wil have his course: I was not made to this vile vse; well, the edge of the enemie could not have abated me so much: it's hard when a man hath served in his Princes cause and be thus. Signior, let me derive a small peece of silver from you, it shall not be given in the course of time, by this good ground, I was saine to pawne my rapier last night for a poore supper, I am a Pagan els: sweet Signior.

To thinke a man of thy exterior presence, Should (in the constitution of the mind)

Be so degenerate, infirme, and base. Art thou a man? and tham'st thou not to beg? To practife such a seruste kinde of life? Why were thy education ne're to meane, Having thy limbes: a thousand fairer courses Offer themselues to thy election, Nay there the warres might still supply thy wants, Or service of some vertuous Gentleman, Or honest labour; nay what can Iname, But would become thee better then to beg? But men of your condition feede on floth, As doth the Searabe on the dung she breeds in, Not caring how the temper of your spirits Is eaten with the rull of idlenesse. Now afore God, what e're he be, that should Releeue a person of thy qualitie, While you infut in this loofe desperate course, I would esteeme the sinne not thine but his. (if fo) Muf. Faith figmor, I would gladly finde some other course Imen. I, you'ld gladly finde it, but you will not feeke it. Mus. Alasse fir, where should a man seeke? in the warres, there's no assent by detart in their dayes, but : and for seruice would it were as toone purchast as witht for (Gods my comfort) I know what I would fay. Loren. Whatsthy name. Mus. Please you: Portensio. Loren. Portensio? Say that a man should entertaine thee now, Would thou be honest, humble, iust and true. Muf. Signior: by the place and honor of a fouldier. Loren. Nay, nay, I like not these affected othes; Speake plainly man: what thinkst thou of my words? Muf. Nothing fignior, but wish my fortunes were as happy as my feruice should be honest. Loren. Well follow me, ile prooue thee, if thy deedes Will cary a proportion to thy words. Exit Lor. MKS. E 2.

bellie were hoopt now, for I am readie to burst with laughing. S'lid, was there ever seene a foxe in yeares to betray himselse thus; now shall I be possest of all his determinations, and confequently and my young master well here is resolu'd to prove my honestie; faith and I am resolved to prove his patience; oh I shall abuse him intollerablie; this small peece of service will bring him cleane out of love with the soldier for ever. It's no matter, let the worldthinke me a bad counterfeit, if I cannot give him the slip at an instant; why this is better then to have staid his journey by halfe, well ile sollow him; oh how I long to be imployed.

Exis.

#### SCENA TERTIA.

Enter Prospero, Bobadilla, and Mathee.

Mat. Yesfaith fir, we were at your lodging to leeke you too.

Prof. Oh I came not there to night.

Bob. Your brother deliuered ys as much.

**Prof.** Who Giuliano ?

Bob. Giuliano? Signior Prospero, Iknow not in what kinde you value me, but let me tell you this: as sure as God I do hold at so much out of mine honor & reputation, if I should but cast the least regard vpon such a dunghill of sless; I protest to you (as I have a soule to bee saued) I ne're saw any gentlemanlike part in him; and there were no more men living vpon the sace of the earth, I should not fancie him by Phabus.

Mat. Troth nor I, he is of a rusticall cut, I know not how:

he doth not carrie himfelfe like a gentleman.

Prof. Oh Signior Matheo, that's a grace peculiar but to a few; quos aguus amauit Impiter.

Mat. Ivnderstand you sir.

Enter Lorenzo iunior, and Step.

Prof. No question you do tir: Lorenzo; now on my soule welcome; how doest thou sweet raskall? my Genius? S'blood I shalloue Apollo, & the mid Thespian girles the better while I live for this; my deare villaine, now I see there's some spirit in thee:

thee: Sirra these be they two I writ to thee of, nay what a drowfie humor is this now twhy does thou not speake?

Lo. In. Oh you are a fine gallant, you sent me a rare letter.

Prof. Why was't not rare?

Lo. In. Yes ile be sworne I was ne're guiltie of reading the like, match it in all Plinies familiar Epistles, and ile haue my judgement burnd in the eare for a rogue, make much of thy vaine, for it is inimitable. But I marle what Camell it was, that had the carriage of it? for doubtlesse he was no ordinarie beast that brought it.

Prof. Why ?

Zo.lu. Why fayest thou? why does thou thinke that any reasonable creature, especially in the morning, (the sober time of the day too) would have taine my father for me?

Prof. S'blood you iest I hope:

Lo. Indeed the best vie we can turne it too, is to make a iest on't now: but ile assure you, my father had the prouing of your copy, some howre before I saw it.

Prof. What a dull flaue was this? But firrali what fayd he

to it yfaith?

Lo. W. Nay I know not what he faid. But I have a shrewd gesse what he thought.

Pro. What? what?

Lo. In. Mary that thou are a damn'd dissolute villaine, And I some graine or two better, in keeping thee company.

Prof. Tutthat thought is like the Moone in the last quarter, twill change shortly: but sirrha, I pray thee be acquainted with my two Zanies heere, thou wilt take exceeding pleasure in them if thou hearst them once, but what strange peece of silence is this? the signe of the dumbe man?

Lo.ls. Oh sir a kinsman of mine, one that may make our

Musique the fuller and he please, he hath his humor sir.

Prof. Oh what ist? what ist?

Lo. In. Nay: ile neyther do thy judgement, nor his folly that wrong, as to prepare thy apprehension: ile leaue him to the mercy of the time, if you can take him: so.

E 3

Prof.

Prof. Well fignior Bobadilla: fignior Matheo: I pray you know this Gentleman here, he is a friend of mine, & one that will well descrue your affection, I know not your name fignior, but I shalbe glad of any good occasion, to be more familiar with you.

Step. My name is fignior Stephano, sir, I am this Gentlemans coufin, fir his father is mine vnckle; fir, I am somewhat melan-cholic, but you shall commaund me fir, in whatsoeuer is inci-

dent to a Gentleman.

Bob. Signior, I must tell you this, I am no generall man, embrace it as a most high fauour, for (by the host of Egypt) but that I conceive you, to be a Gentleman of some parts, I love few words: you have wit: imagine.

Step. I truely fir, I am mightily given to melancholy.

Mat. Oh Lord sir, it's your only belt humor sir, your true melancholy, breedes your perfect sine wit sir: I am melancholic my selfe divers times sir, and then do I no more but take your pen and paper presently, and write you your halfe score or your dozen of sonnets at a sitting.

Loin. Massethen he vtters them by the grosse.

Step. Truely fir and I loue fuch things out of measure.

Loin. I faith, as well as in measure. (your scruice.

Mat. Why I pray you signior, make vse of my studie, it's at

Step. I thanke you sir, I thalbe bolde I warrant you, hauc

you a close stoole there?

Mat. Faithfir, I have some papers there, toyes of mine owne doing at idle houres, that you'le say there's some sparkes of wit in them, when you shall see them.

Prosp. Would they were kindled once, and a good fire

made, I might see selfe loue burnd for her hereste.

Step. Cousin, is it well ? am I melancholie inough?

Lo.iu. Oh I, excellent.

Profe. Signior Bobadilla ? why muse you so?

Lo.iu. He is melancholy too.

Bob. Faith sir, I was thinking of a most honorable piece of seruice was perform'd to morow; being S. Marks day: shalbe some Lo. in. In what place was that seruice, I pray you sir? (te years. Bob.

Bob. Why at the beleaging of Ghibelletto, where, in lesse then two houres, seuen hundred resolute gentlemen, as any were in Europe, lost their lives upon the breach: ile tell you gentlemen, it was the first, but the best leaving that ever I beheld with these eyes, except the taking in of Tortosa last yeer by the Genowayes, but that (of all other) was the most fatall & dangerous exploit, that ever I was ranged in, since I first bore arms before the face of the enemy, as sain a gentleman and a souldier?

Step. So, I had as liefe as an angell I could liveare as well as

that gentleman.

Lo.iu. Then you were a seruitor at both it seemes.

Rob. Oh Lord fir: by Phaeton I was the first man that entred the breach, and had I not effected it with resolution, I had bene staine if I had had a million of lives.

Lo,iu. Indeed sir? (like you him? Step. Nay & you heard him discourse you would say so; how Bob. I assure you (vpon my saluation) its true, and your

selfe shall confesse.

Prosp. You must bring him to the rackefirst.

Bob. Observe me indicially sweet signior: they had planted me a demy culvering, instinction the mouth of the breach; now fir (as we were to ascend) their master gunner (a man of no meane skill and courage, you must thinke) confronts me with his Linstockready to give fire; I spying his intendement, dischared my Petrinell in his bosome, and with this instrumentmy poore Rapier, ran violently upon the Moores that guarded the ordinance, and put them pell-mell to the sword.

Prof. To the sword to the Rapier signior.

Lo.in. Oh it was a good figure obseru'd sir : but did you all

this fignior without hurring your blade.

Bob. Without any impeach on the earth: you shall perceive sir, it is the most fortunate weapon, that ever rid on a poore gentlemans thigh: shall I tell you sir, you talke of Mors glay, Excaliber, Durindana, or so: tut, I lend no credit to that is reported of them, I know the vertue of mine owne, and therefore I dare the boldlier maintaine it.

E 4.

Steps

Step. Imarle whether it be a Toledo or no?

Bob. A most perfect Toledo, I assure you signior.

Mat. Pray you let's see sir yes faith it is.

Beb. This a Toledo: pish.

Step. Why do you pish signior ?

Bob. A Fleming by Phabus, ile buy them for a guilder a peece and ile haue a thouland of them.

Lo. in. How say you cousin, I told you thus much.

Prof. VVhere bought you it signior?

Step. Of a scuruy rogue Souldier, a pox of God on him, he swore it was a Toledo.

Bob. A prouant Rapier, no better. Mat. Masse I thinke it be indeed.

Step. VVell I will not put it vp, but by Gods foote, and ere I meete him

Prof. Ohit is past remedie now sir, you must have patience. Step. Horson conny-catching Raskall; oh I could cate the very hilts for anger.

Losin. A signe you have a good Offrich stomack Cousing Step. A stomack? would I had him here, you should see and I had a stomacke.

Prof. It's better as'tis: come gentlemen shall we goe?

Enter Musca.

Lo,iv. A miracle cousin, looke here, looke here.

Step. Oh, Gods lid, by your leaue, do you know me sire

Maf. Ifir, I know you by fight.

Sieg. Youlold me a Rapier, did you not?

Mus. Yes marry did I sir.

Step. You said it was a Tolede ha?

True I did so. Step. But it is none.

Mass. No sir, I confesse it, it is none.

Step. Gentlemen beare witnesse, he has confest it. By Gods lid, and you had not confest it.

Lo.in.

Le in. Oh cousin, forbeare, forbeare.

Step. Nay I have done coulin.

Prof. Why you have done like a Gentleman, he ha's confest k, what would you more?

Zo.in. Sirrahow doost thou like him.

Prof. Oh its a pretious good foole, make much on him: I can compare him to nothing more happely, then a Barbers virginals; for euery one may play vpon him.

Muss. Gentleman, shall I intreat a word with you?

Losse. With all my heart sir, you have not another Toledo

to fell, haue yee?

Muss. You are pleasant, your name is signior Lorenzo as I take it.

Loin. You are in the right: S'bloud he meanes to catechize me I thinke.

(coate.

Mus. No sir, I leave that to the Curate, I am none of that

Loino And yet of as bare a coate; well, lay fir.

Muss. Faith fignior, I am but servant to God Mars extraordinarie, and indeed (this brasse varnish being washt off, and three or source other tricks sublated) I appeare yours in revertion, after the decease of your good father, Musco.

Loin. Musco, s'bloud what winde hath blowne thee hither

in this shape.

Muss. Your Easterly winde sir, the same that blew your fa-

Lo.in. My father ?

Muss. Nay neuer startjit's true, he is come to towne of purpose to seeke you.

Lo.in. Sirra Prospero: what shall we do sirra, my father is

come to the city.

Prof. Thy father: where is he?

Mus. At a Gentlemans house yonder by Saint Anthonies, where he but itayes my returne; and then

Prof. Who's this? Musco?

Muss. The same sir.

Prof. Why how comil thou trans-muted thus?

Mus. Faith a deuile, a deuile, nay for the loue of God, stand

not here Gentlemen, house your selves and ile tell you alle

Lo.14. But art thou fure he will stay thy returne?
Mus. Do I live sir? what a question is that?

Prof. Well wee'le proroguehis expectation a little: Musce thou shalt go with vs: Come on Gentlenen: hay I pray thee (goodraskall) droops not, s'hart and our wits be so go vty, that one old plodding braine can out-strip vs all, Lord I beteech thee, may they lie and starue in some miserable spittle, where they may never see the face of any true spirit againe, but bee perpetually haunted with some church-yard Hobgoblin in seculo Muss. Amen, Amen.

Exeunt.

Exis Pife.

#### ACTVS TERTIVS. SCENA PRIMA.

Enter T'borello, and Piso.

Pif. He will expect you fir within this halfe houre.

The. Why what's a clocke?

Pif. New Itriken ten.

Tho. Hath he the money ready, can you tell?

Pif. Yes sir, Baptista brought it yesternight.

Tho. Oh that's well: fetch memy cloake.

Stay, let me see; an hower to goe and come,

I that will be the least: and then 't vill be

An houre, before I can dispatch with him;

Or very neare: well, I will say two houres;

Two houres? ha? things neuer drempt of yet

May be contriu'd, I and effected too,

In two houres absence: well I will not go.

Two houres; no fleering opportunity

I will not give your trecherie that scope.
Who will not judge him worthy to be robd,
That sets his doores wide open to a theese.

And shewes the felon, where his treasure lyes?
Againe, what earthy spirit but will attempt

To taste the fruite of beauties golden tree,
When leaden sleepe seales up the dragons eyes?
Oh beauty is a Protest of some power,
Chiefely when of ortunitie attends her:
She will insufe true motion in a stone,
Put glowing fire in an Icie soule,
Stuffe peasants bosoms with proud Casars spleene,
Powre rich deuice into an empty braine:
Bring youth to follies gate: there traine him in,
And after all, extendate his sinne.
Well, I will not go, I am resolud for that.
Goe cary it againe, yet stay: yet do too,
I will defere e it till some other time.

Enter Piso.

: Piso. Sir, signior Platano wil meet you there with the bond,

Tho. That's true: by Iesu I had cleane forgot it.

I must goe, what's a clocke?

Pif. Patten fir.
Tho. Hart, then will Prospers presently be here too,
With one or other of his loose consorts.

I am a lew, if I know what to say,

What courie to take, or which way to resolue.

My braine (me thinkes) is like an hower-glasse,

And my in aginations like the sands,

Runne dribling foorth to fill the mouth of time,

Still chaung'd with turning in the ventricle.

What were I best to doe? it shalbeso.

Nay I dare build upon his secrecie? Piso.

Pife. Sir.
The Yet now I have bethought me to, I wil not.
Is Cob within?

Pif. I thinke he be sir.

Tho. But hee'le prate too, there's no talke of him.

No, there were no course vpon the earth to this,

If I durst trust him; tut I were secure,

But there's the question now, if he should prooue,

Rimarum

Rimarum plenus, then, s'blood I were Rockt.

The state that he hath stood in till this present.

Doth promise no such change: what should I feare then?

Well, come what will, ile tempt my fortune once. (Piso, Piso, thou may est deceiue mee, but I thinke thou louelt mee

Piso. Sir, if a servants zeale and humble duetie may bee term dloue, you are possest ofit. (cret, Piso.

Tho. I have a matter to impart to thee, but thou must be se-

Pis. Sirforthat-

The. Nay heare me man; thinke I esteeme thee well, To let thee in thus to my private thoughts;

Pife, it is a thing, fits neerer to my creft,

Then thou art ware of; if thou shouldst reueale it

Pis. Reuealeit sir ?

Tho. Nay, I do not think thou wouldst, but if thou shouldsta:

Psf. Sir, then I were a villaine;
Disclaime in me for euer if I do.

Tho. He will not sweare: he has some meaning sure, Else (being vrg'd so much) how should he choose, But lend an oath to all this protestation?

He is no puritane, that I am certaine of.
What should I thinke of it? vrge him againe,

And in some other forme: I will do so.

Well Piso, thou hast sworne not to disclose; I you did sweare?

Pif. Not yet sir, but I will, so please you.

The. Nay Idaretake thy word.

But if thou wilt sweare; do as you thinke good,

Lain resolu'd without such circumstance.

Pif. By my soules safetie sir I here protest, My tongue shall ne're take knowledge of a word

Deliuer'd me in compasse of your trust.

Tho. Enough, enough, these ceremonies need not, I know thy faith to be as sieme as brasse.

Piso come hither: nay we must be close
In managing these actions: So it is,

(Now he ha's sworne I dare the safelier speake; )

Ihaue of late by divers observations—
But, whether his oath be lawfull yea, or no, ha?
I will aske counsel ere I do proceed:
Piso, it will be now too long to stay,
Wee'lespiesome fitter time soone, or to morrow.

Pis. Atyour pleasure sir.

The. I pray you search the bookes gainst I returne For the receipts twick me and Platane.

Pif. I will fir.

The. And heare you: if my brother Prospers Chance to bring hither any gentlemen

Ere I come backe : let one straight bring me word,

Pif. Very well sir.

The, Forget it not, nor be not you out of the way.

Pif. I will not sir.

The. Or whether he come or no, if any other, Stranger or els? faile not to send me word.

Pif. Yes fir.

The. Haue care I pray you and remember it.

Pif. I warrant you sir.

Tho. But Pife, this is not the secret I told thee of.

Pif. No sir, I suppose so. The. Nay beleeve me it is not. Pif. I do beleeve you sir.

The. By heaven it is not, that's enough.

Marrie, I would not thou shouldst veter it to any creature li-Yet I care not. (uing,

Well, I must hence: Pife conceive thus much, No ordinarie person could have drawne So deepe a secret from me; I meane not this, But that I have to tell thee; this is nothing, this. Pife, remember, silence, buried here:

No greater hell then to be slaue to feare. .

Piso, Piso, remember, silence, buried here:
Whence should this flow of passion (trow) take head? ha?

Faith ile dreame no longer of this running humor,

For

Exis The.

For feare I finke, the violence of the streame. Alreadie hath transported, me so farre,

That I can feele no ground at all; but lofe, Enter Cob.

Ohit's our waterbearer : somewhat ha's crost him now,

Cob. Fasting dayes: what tell you me of your fasting dayes? would they were all on a light fire for mee: they say the world shall be consum'd with fire and brimstone in the latter day: but I would we had these ember weekes, and these villanous friques burnt in the meane time, and then—

Pif. Why how now Cob, what moues thee to this choller?

ha?

Cob. Coller sir s swounds I scorne your coller, I sir am no colliers horse sir, neuer ride me with your coller, and you doe, ile shew you a sades tricke.

Pif. Oh you'le stip your head out of the coller: why Cob you

miltake me.

Cob. Nay I have my rewme, and I be angrie as well as another, fir.

Pif. Thy rewme; thy humor man, thou mistakest.

Cob. Humor? macke, I thinke it bee fo indeed : what is this

humor? ics some rarething I warranti.

Piso. Marrie ile tell thee what it is (astis generally received in these daies) it is a moniter bred in a man by selfe loue, and affectation, and fed by folly.

Cob. How must be fed?

Pif. Oh I, humor is nothing if it be not fed, why, didit thou neuer heare of that? it's a common phrase, Feed my humor.

Cob. He none on it: humor, auaunt, I know you not, be gon, Let who will make hungry meales for you, it shall not bee I: Feed you quoth here's blood I have much adoe to feed my self, especially on these leane rascall daies too, and't had beene any other day but a fassing day: a plague on them all for mee: by this light one might have done God good service and have drown'd them alin the floud two or three hundred thousand yeares ago, oh I do stomacke them hugely: I have a make now, and't were for sir Benisles horse.

# Eucrymanin his Human

Pife Nay, but I pray thee Cob, what makes thee lo out of

love with fulting dates ?.

Cob. Marrie that, that will make any man out of love with them, I thinke: their bad conditions and ann wil needs know: First, they are of a Flemmilh breed I and sure on a for they rang up more butter then all the daies of the avecker beside: next, they stuke of fish miserably! Thirdly, they le keep a man deuoutly hungry all day; & at night send him supperselle to bed.

2) Pife Indeed thele are faulth Cob.

the onely knowne enemies to my generation in A falting day!
no sooner comes, but my lineage goes to racke, poore Cookes.
they smoake for it, they melt in passion, and your maides too
know this, and yet would have me turne Hamibal; and eatmy.
owne sish deblood: into princely source, seare nothing; I have Pul's our
not the heart to deuoure your and I might bee made as rich as a red
Golias: oh that I had roome for my teares, I could weep sale Herring.
water enough now to preserve the lives of ten thousand of my.
kin: but I may curse none but these silthy Almanacks, for and't
were not for them, these daies of persetution would ne're bee
knowne. He be hang'd and some Fishmongers sonne doe not
make on them, and puts in more fasting daies then hee should
doe, because he would were his fathers dried stocksish.

Pisis oule peace, thou'le be bearen Enter Matheo, Prolike a stockfish else: here is Signior Ma- spero, Lo. iunior, Bobasheo. Now must I looke out for a mes- dilla, Stephano, Musco.

senger to my Master. Exeunt Cob & Piso.

SCENA, SECVNDA.

Prof. Beshreiv me, but it was an absolute good iest, and exceedingly well caried.

Lo.in. I and our ignorance maintained it as well, did it not?
Pref. Yesfath, but was a possible thou should it not know

him?

Lo.in. Fore God not I, and I might have beene joind patter with one of the nine worthles for knowing him. S'blood nian, he had so writhen himselfe into the habit of one of your poore

F 4 Disparniew's

Disparuien's here, your decaied, ruinous, worme-eaten gentlemen of the round; such as have vowed to sit on the skirts of the city, let your Prouost & his half dozen of halberders do what they can; and have translated begging out of the olde hackney pace, to a sine easy amble, and made it runne as smooth of the toung, as a showe-groat shilling, into the likenes of one of their leane Pirgo's, had hee moulded himselfe so perfectly, observing everse tricke of their action, as varying the accent: swearing with an Emphasis. Indeed all with so special and exquisite a grace, that (hadst thou seene him) thou would thave sworne he might have beene the Tamberlaine, or the Agamemnon on the rout.

Prof. Why Musco: who would have thought thou hadst

beene fuch a gallant?

Lo,in. I cannot tell, but (viles aman had juggled begging all his lifetime, and beene a weaver of phrases from his infancie, for the apparrelling of it) I thinke the world cannot produce his Rivall.

Prof. Where got'st thou this coat I marl'c.

Muss. Faith sir, I had it of one of the deuils neere kinsmen, a Broker.

Prof. That cannot be, if the prouer be hold, a crastic knaue needs no broker.

Muf. True sir, but I need a broker, Ergo no crasty knaue.

Prof. Well put off, well put off.

Lo.in. Tut, he ha's more of these shifts.

Mus. And yet where I have one, the broker ha's ten sir.

Enter Piso.

Piso. Francisco: Martino: ne're a one to bee sound now, what a spice's this?

Prof. How now Pife? is my brother within?

Pif. No fir, my matter went forth e ene now : but Signior Ginliano is within. Cob, what Cob: is he gone too?

Prof. Whither wentthy master? Pife canst thou tell?
Pife, I know not, to Doctor Cloments, I thinke sir. Cob.

Exit Pife.
Lo, in.

Lo.in. Doctor Clement, what's hee I haue heard much speech

of him.

Prof. VVhy, doest thou not know him? he is the Gonfalionere of the state here, an excellent rare ciuilian, and a great scholler, but the onely mad merry olde fellow in Europe: I shewed him

you the other day.

very strange presence me thinkes, it shewes as if he stoode our of the ranke from other men. I have heard many of his iests in Padua: they say he will commit a man for taking the wall of his horse.

Prof. I or wearing his cloake of one shoulder, or any thing

indeede, it is come in the way of his humor.

Pif. Gasper, Martino, Cob: S'hart, where should they be trow?

Enter Pso.

Bob. Signior Therelle's man, I pray thee vouchsafe vs the lighting of this match.

Psf. A pox on your match, no time but now to vouchsafe?

Francisco, Cob. Exit.

Bob. Body of me: here's the remainder of seuen pound, since yesterday was seuennight. It's your right Trinidado: did you neuer take any, signior?

Stop. No truly fir? buti'le learne to take it now, fince you

commendit so.

Bob. Signior beleeue me, (vpon my relation) for what I tel you, the world shall not improue. I have been in the Indies (where this herbe growes) where neither my selfe, nor a dozen Gentlemen more (of my knowledge) have received the taste of any other nutriment, in the world, for the space of one and twentie weekes, but Tabacco onely. Therefore it cannot be but tis most divine. Further, take it in the nature, in the true kinde so, it makes an Antidote, that (had you taken the most deadly poysonous simple in all Florence, it should expell it, and clarifie you, with as much ease, as I speak. And for your greene wound, your Balfamam, and your—are all meere gulleries, and trash to it, especially your I raidado: your Newcotian is good too: I

could say what I know of the vertue of it, for the exposing of rewmes, raw humors, crudities, obstructions, with a thousand of this kind; but I professe my selfe no quacke-saluer: only thus much: by Hercules I doe holde it, and will affirme it (before any Prince in Europe) to be the most soueraigne, and pretious herbe, that euer the earth tendred to the vse of man.

Lo.in. Oh this speech would have done rare in a potheca-

ries mouth.

Pif. I: close by Saint Anthonies: Doctor Clements.

Enter Piso and Cob.

Cob. Oh, Oh.

Bob.Where's the match I gaue thee?

Pis. S'blood would his match, and he, and pipe, and all were

at Sancto Domingo. Exit.

haue in taking this rogish Tabacco: it's good for nothing but to choake a man, and fill him full of smoake, and imbers: there were foure died out of one house last weeke with taking of it, and two more the bell went for yester-night, one of them (they say) will ne're scape it, he voyded a bushell of soote yester-day, vpward and downeward. By the stockes; 'and there were no wiser men then I, I'ld haue it present death, man or woman, that should but deale with a Tabacco pipe; why, it will stifle them all in the 'nd as many as vse it; it's little better then rats bane.

Enter Pise.

All, Oh good fignior; hold, hold.

Bob. You base cullion, you.

Pif. Sir, here's your match; come, thou must needes be tal-king too.

Cob. Nay he wil not meddle with his match I warrant you:

well it shall be a decre beating, and I live.

Bab. Docyou prate?

Lo.iu: Nay good signior, will you regard the humor of a foole? away knaue.

Prof. Piso gethim away. Exit Piso, and Cob.

Bob. A horson filthy slaue, a turd, an excrement. Body of

Cesar.

Cosar, but that I scorne to let forth so meane a spirit, i'ld have stab'd him to the earth;

Prof. Mary God forbid sir.

Bob. By this faire heaven I would have done it.

Step. Oh he sweares admirably: (by this faire heaven:). Body of Cesar: I shall never doe it, sure (vpon my saluation) no I have not the right grace.

Mas. Signior will you any? By this ayre the most divine

Tabacco as euer I drunke.

Loin. Ithanke you fir.

Step. Oh this Gentleman dothit rarely too, but nothing like the other. By this ayre, as I am a Gentleman: by Phabus.

Exit Bob. and Mat.

Mus. Master glaunce, glaunce: Signior Prospero. Step. As I haue a soule to be saued, I doe protest;

Pros. That you are a foole.

Lo.in. Cousin will you any Tabacco?

Step. Isir: vpon my saluation.

Lo,in. How now cousin?

Step. I protest, as I am a Gentleman, but no souldier in-

Prof. No signior, as I remember you seru'd on a great

horse, last generall muster.

Step. I sir that's true: cousin may I sweare as I am a souldier, by that?

Lo,in. Oh yes, that you may.

Seep. Then as I am a Gentleman, and a souldier, it is diwine Tabacco.

Prof. But foft, where's fignior Matheo? gone?

Mus. No Gr, they went in here.

Prof. Oh let's follow them: signior Matheo is gone to salute his mustresse, surra now thou shalt heare some of his verses, for he neuer comes hither without some shreds of poetrie: Come signior Stephano, Musco.

Step. Musco? where? is this Masco?

Loin. I, but peace cousin, no words of it at any hand.

G 2 Step.

Step. Not I by this faire heaven as I have a soule to be saved. by Phabus.

Pros. Oh rare! your cousins discourse is simply suted, all in

oathes.

Lo. in. I, he lacks nothing but a little light stuffe, to draw them out withall, and he were rarely fitted to the time.

#### ACTVS TERTIVS, SCENA TERTIA. Enter Thorello with Cob.

The. Ha, how many are there, sayest thou?

Ceb. Marry fir, your brother, Signior Prospero.

Tho. Tut, beside him: what strangers are thereman? Cob. Strangers: let me see, one, two; masse I know not well

there's so many.

Tho. How: so many?

Cob. I, there's some five or fixe of them at the most,

Tho. A swarme, a swarme,

Spight of the Deuill, how they sting my heart! Howlong hast thou beene comming hither Cob?

Cob. But a little while fir.

Tho. Didit thou come running?

Cob. No. fir.

Tho, Tut, then I am familiar with thy hafte. Bane to my fortunes: what meant I to marrie? I that before was rankt in such content, My mind attir'd in sinoothe silken peace, Being free mailer of mine owne free thoughts, And now become a flaue? what, neuer figh, Be of good cheare man; for thouart a cuckold, 'Tis done, 'cis done: nay when fuch flowing store, Plentie it selfe fals in my wives lappe, The Cornu-copia will be mine I know. But Cob, What entertainment had they & Iam fure My fifter and my wife would bid them welcome, ha? Cob. Like ynoughtyet I heard not a word of welcome.

The. No, their lips were seal'd with killes, and the voice

Drown'd

Drown'd in a flood of ioy at their arrivally Had lost her motion, state and facultie.

Cob, which of them was't that first kist my wife?

( My fifter I should say) my wife; alas,

I feare not her: has who was it sayst thous:

Cob. By my troth fir, will you have the truth of it?

The Oh I good Cob: I pray thee.

Cob. God's my judge, I saw no body to bekist, vnlesse they would have kist the post, in the middle of the warehouse; for theres left them all, at their Tabacco with a poxe.

That How? were they not gone in then e're thou cam's??

Cob. Oh no sir.

The. Spite of the Deuill, what do I stay here then?

Cob, follow me. Exit. The.

Cob. Nay, soft and faire, I have egges on the spit; I cannot go yet sir: now am I for some divers reasons hammering, hammering revenue: oh for three or source gallons of vineger, to sharpen my wits: Revenue, vineger revenue, russet revenue; pay, and hee had not lyne in my house, twould never have green'd me; but being my guest, one that ile bee sworne, my wife ha's lent him her smocke off her backe, while his owne shirt habeene at waiting: pawnd her neckerchers for cleane bands for him: sold almost all my platters to buy him Tabacco; and yet to see an ingratitude wretch: strike his host; well I hope to raise vp an host of suries for there comes M. Dostor.

Enter Doctor Clement, Lorenzo Sen. Peto.

Clem. What's Signior Thorelle gone?

Pet. Ifir.

Clem. Hart of me, what made him leave vs so abruptly
How now sirra; what make you here? what wold you have, ha?
Cob. And t please your worship, I am a poore neighbour of

your worthips.

Clem. A neighbour of mine, knaue?

Cob. I fir, at the figne of the water-tankerd, hard by the greene lattice: I have paide scot and lotte there any time this eighteene yeares,

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Clem.

Clem, What, at the greene lattice?

Cob. No sir: to the parish: mary I have seldome scap'e scota

Clem. So: but what busines hath my neighbour?

Cob. And't like your worship, I am come to craue the peace of your worship.

Clem. Of me, knaue? peace of me, knaue? did I e're hurt

thee? did I euer threaten thee; or wrong thee? ha?

Cob. No god's my comfort, I meane your worships warrant, for one that hath wrong'd me sir; his armes are at too much lie bettie, I would faine haue them bound to a treatie of peace, and I could by any meanes compasse it.

Loren. Why, doest thou goe in danger of thy life for him?

Cob. No sir; but I goe in danger of my death enery houre by his meanes; and I die within a twelue-moneth and a day, I may sweare, by the lawes of the land, that he kil'd me.

Clem. How? how knaue? sweare he kil'd thee? what pre-

text ? what colour hait thou for that?

Cob. Mary sir: both blacke and blew, colour ynough, I warrant you I haue it here to shew your worship.

Clem. What is he, that gaue you this firra?

Cob. A Gentleman in the citie fir.

Clem. A Gentleman? what call you him?

Ceb. Signior Bobadilla.

Clem. Good: But wherefore did he beate you sirra? how began the quarrel twixt you? ha: speake truly knaue, I aduise you.

Cob: Marry sir, because I spake against their vagrant Ta-

bacco, as I came by them: for nothing else.

Clem. Ha, you speake against Tabacco ? Peto, his name.

Per. What's your name firra?

Cob. Oliner Cob, sir set Oliner Cob, sir.

Clem. Tell Oliner Cob he iliall goe to the jayle.

Pes.Oliver Cob, master Doctor sayes you shall go to the sayle. Cob. Oh Ibescech your worship for gods love, deare manster Doctor.

Clein.

Clem. Nay gods pretious: and such drunken knaues as you are come to dispute of Tabacco once; I have done: away with him.

Ceb. Oh good master Doctor, sweete Gentleman.

Lore. Sweete Oliner, would I could doe thee any good;

master Doctor let me intreat sir.

Clem. What? a tankard-bearer, a thread-bare rascall, a begger, a slaue that neuer drunke out of better the pispot metele in his life, and he to depraue, and abuse the vertue of an herbe, so generally receyu'd in the courts of princes, the chambers of nobles, the bowers of sweete Ladies, the cabbins of souldiers: Pete away with him, by gods passion, I say, goe too.

Cob. Deare master Doctor. Loren. Alasse poore Oliver.

Clew. Peto: I: and make him a warrant, he shall not goe, I but feare the knaue.

Cob. O diuine Doctor, thankes noble Doctor, most dainty Doctor, delicious Doctor. Exeunt Peto with Cob.

Clem. Signior Lorenzo: Gods pitty man, Be merry, be merry, leaue these dumpes.

Loren. Troth would I could fir : but enforced mirth

(In my weake judgement) has no happy birth. The minde, being once a prisoner vnto cares, The more it dreames on joy, the worse it fares.

A simyling looke is to a heavie soule, As a guilt bias, to a leaden bowle,

Which (in it selfe) appeares most vile, being spent.

To no true vse; but onely for offent.

Clem. Nay but good Signior: heare me a word, heare me aword, your cares are nothing; they are like my cap, soone put on, and as soone put off. What? your sonne is old inough, to gouerne himselfe; let him runne his course, it's the onely way to make him a stay'd man: if he were an vnthrift, a russian, a drunkard or a licentious liver, then you had reason: you had reason to take care: but being none of these, Gods passion, and I had twise so many cares, as you have, I'ld drowne them

all in a cup of sacke: come, come, I muse your parcell of a souldier returnes not all this while.

Exeunt.

#### SCENA QVARTA

Enter Giuliano, with Biancha.

Giul. Well lister, I tell youtiue: and you'le finde it so in

Bia. Alasse brother, what would you have me to doe? I cannot helpe it; you see, my brother Prospero he brings them

in here, they are his friends.

haunt him vp and downe like a force of valucky Sprites, and tempt him to all maner of villany, that can be thought of; well, by this light, a little thing would make me play the deuil with some of them; and't were not more for your husbands sake, then any thing else, I'ld make the house too hot for them; they should say and sweare, Hell were broken loose, e're they went. But by gods bread, 'tis no bodies fault but yours: for and you had done as you might have done, they should have beene dann'd e're they should have come in, e're a one of them.

Bia. God's my life; did you euer heare the like? what a strange man is this? could I keepe out all them thinke you? I should put my selfe against halfe a dozen men? should I? Good faith you'ld mad the patient'st body in the world, to

heare you talke so, without any sense or reason.

Enter Matheo with Hesperida, Bobadilla, Stephano, Lorenzo la Prospero, Musco.

treasure; thus to powre it foorth vpon so meane a subject, as my worth?

Mat. You say well, you say well: Gin. Hoyday, heare is stusse.

Lo,iu. Oh now stand close: pray God she can get him to reade it.

Prof.

Prof. Tut, feare not: I warrant thee, he will do it of him-

Telfe with much impudencie.

Hos. Servant, what is that same I pray you?

Ma. Mary an Eligie, an Eligie, an oddetay.

Gui. I to mockean Ape with all, Oh Icsu.

Bis. Sister, I pray you lets heare it.

Mat. Mustresse Ile reede it if you please.

Hes. I pray you doe seruant.

Gmi. Oh heares no foppery, Sblood it freates me to the galle to thinke on it.

Exit.

Prof. Oh I, it is his condition, peace: we are farely ridde

of him.

Mar, Fayth Idid it in an humor: I know not how it is, but please you come neare fignior: this gentleman hath judgement, he knowes how to censire of a.—I pray you sir, you can judge.

Step. Not I sit: as I have a soule to be sauced, as I am a gentleman. Lo. in. Nay its well; so long as he doth not forsweare

himselfe.

Bob, Signior you abuse the excellencie of your mistresse, and her fayre sister. Fye while you line auoyd this proli xity.

Mat. Ishall fir : well, Incipere dulce,

Lo. in. How, Incipere dulce? | fweete thing to be a Foole

Prof. What, do you take Incipere in that sence?

Lesu. You do not you? Sblood this was your villanie to gull him with a motte.

Prof. Oh the Benchers phrase: Pauca verba, Pauca verba,

Mat. Rare creature let me speake without offence,

Would Godmy rade woords had the influence: Torule thy thoughts, as thy fayre lookes do mine,

Then shoulds thou be his prisoner, who is thine.

Lo.in. S'hart, this is in Hero and Leander?

Pros. Oh I: peace, we shall have more of this.

Mat. Benot Unkinde and fayre mishapen Stuffe,

Is of behaumer boy ferous and rough:

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How like you that signior, sblood he shakes his head like a bottle, to feele and there be any brayne in it.

Mar. But observe the Catastrophe now.

And I in dutie will exceede all other.

As you in bewise do excell loues mether.

Loin. Well sle haue him free of the brokers, for he ytters no thing but stolne remnants.

Prof. Nay good Critique forbeare.

Lo.in. A pox on him, hang him filching rogue, steale from the deade? its vvorse then sacriledge.

Prof. Suffer what have you heare? verses? I pray you lets see.

Bia. Do you let them go fo lightly sister. Hef. Yes fayth when they come lightly.

Bia. I but if your fernant should heare you, he would take it heavely:

Hes. No matter he is able to beare.

Bia. Soare Asses. Hef. so is hee.

Prof. Signior Matheo, vvho made these verses? they are ex-

cellent good.

Mat. Oh God sir, its your pleasure to say so sir.

Fayth I made them extempore this morning.

Prof. How extempore?

Mat. I vould I might be damnd els: aske signior Bobadilla. He sawe me verite them, at the: (poxe on it) the Miter yonder.

Mus. Well, and the Popeknew hee curst the Miter it vvere enough to have him excommunicated all the Tauerns in the

towne.

Step. Cosen how do you like this gentlemans verses.

Lo.ii. Oh admirable, the best that ever I heard.

Step. By this fayre beavens, they are admirable,

The best that ever I heard.

Enter Giuliano.

Giuliam Vext I can hold neuer a bone of me still,

Sblood I think they meane to build a Tabernack heare, vvell?

Prof.

Prof. Sister you have a simple sexuant heare, that crownes your bewtie with such Encomious and Denises, you may let what it is to be the miltresse of a vvit, that can make your perfections so transeparent, that every bleare eye may looke thorough them, and see him drowned over head and eares, in the deepe tveli of defire. Sifter Biancha I meruaile you get you not a feruant that can rime and do trickes too.

Gin. Oh monster? impudence it selfe; erickes?

Bia. Trickes, brother? what erickes?

HefaNav, speake I pray you, what ticker?

Bis. I, neuer spore any body heare: but say, what trickes?

Hef. Pallion of my heart? do trickes?

Prof. Sblood heares a tricke vied, and revied; why you monkiesyou? what a catterwaling do you keepe? hashe not given yourymes and verses, and trickes,

Gin. Oh lee the Dwell?

Prof. N y, you lampe of virginitie, that take it in snusse so: come and cherish this tame poetical tury in your sernant, youle be begd else shortly for a concealement : go to, rewarde his muse, you cannot give him lesse then a shilling in conscience. for the booke he had icoup of cost him a tetton at the least's how now gallants, Lorenzo, singnior Bobadilla? what all sonnes of feilence? no spirite.

Giu. Come you might practise your Ruffian trickes somewhere else, and not heare I wisle: this is no Tauerne, nor no

place for fuch exploites; Prof. Shart how now

Gin. Nay boy, neuer looke askaunce at me for the matter; ile tell you of it by Gods bread? I, and you and your companions mend your selues when I have done-

Prof. My companions.

Ghial your companions fir, fol fay? Sblood I am not all trayed of you nor themneyther, you must have your Poets, & your caueleeres, & your fooles follow you vp and downethe citic, and heare they must come to domineere and swagger? firms, you Ballad singer, and Slops your fellow there; get you H 2.

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out; get you out : or (by the will of God) Ile cut of your eares,

goc to.

Prof. Sblood flay, lets see what he dare do : cut of his eares you are amasse, touch any man heare, and by the Lord ile run' my rapien to the hilts in thee.

Gun Yea, that would I fayne fee, boy. Bia. Oh Iche Pifo, Matheo murder.

Hef. Helpe, helpe, Pifo.

Lo . iw . Gentlemen, Prospero, for-

of the house to part them, the women beare I pray you. make a great crie.

Bob. Well firrah, you Hollofernus: by my hand I will pinck thy flesh full of holes with my rapier for this, I will by this good heaven: nay let him come, let him come, gentlemen by the body of S, George ile not kill him. The offer to fight an

Piso. Hold, hold forbeare: Gui. You whorson bragging coys. gaine and are parted. Enter Thorello.

They all draw, enter

Piso and some more

tryll.

The. Why, how now? whats the matter? what stirre is heare, Whence springs this quarrell, Pizo where is he? Put vp your, weapons, and put of this rage. My wife and fifter they are cause of this,

What. Pizo? where is this knaue.

Pize. Heare fir.

, Prof. Come, lets goe: this is one of my brothers auncient bumors this?

Steph. I am glad no body was hurt by this auncient humor. Exit Prospero, Lorenzoiu. Musco, Stephano, Bobadillo, Matheo,

The. Why how now brother, who enforst this braule.

Gui. A sorte of lew drakehelles, that care neither for God nor the Diuell, And they must come heare to read Ballads and Rogery'and Trash, Ile matte the knot of them ere I sleepe perhaps: especially signior Pabagorus, he thats al manner of shapes: and Songs and sonners, his fellow there.

Hes. Brother indeede you are to violent, To fudden in your courses, and you know

My brother Prosperus temper will not beare Any reproofe, chiefely in such a presence, Where every slight disgrace he should receive. Would wound him in opinion and respect.

Gu. Respect? what talke you of respect mongst such As had neyther sparke of manhood nor good manners.

By God I am ashamed to heare you: respect?

Exist.

Hef. Yes there was one a civil! gentleman, And very worthely demeand himselfe.

Tho. Oh that was some love of yours, sister.

Hes. A love of mine? infayth I would he were

No others loue but mine.

Bis. Indeede he seemd to be a gentleman of an exceeding fayre disposition, and of very excellent good partes.

Exit He/perida, Biancha.

Tho'. Her loue, by Ielu: my wises minion.
Fayre disposition? excellent good partes?
S'hart, these phrases are intollerable.

Good partes? how should she know his partes? well: well,

It is too playne, too cleare: Pizo, come hether.

What are they gone?

Pi. I fir they went in.

Tho. Are any of the gallants within?

Pi. No fir they are all gone.
The. Art thou fure of it?
Pi. I fir I can assure you.

The. Pizo what gentleman was that they pray i'd fo?

Pizo. One they call him fignior Lorenzo, a fayre young gen-

Tho. I, I thought so: my minde gaue me as much:
Sblood ile be hangd if they have not hid him in the house,
Some where, ile goe search, Pizo go with me,
Be true to me and thou shalt finde me bountiful;

Exeunt.

SCENA QVINTA.

Enter CoB, to him Tib.

Cob. What Tib, Tib, I fay.

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Tib.

Tib. How now, what cuckold is that knockes so hard?

Oh husband ist you, whats the newes?

Cob. Nay you have stoned me I fayth? you hue given me a knocke on the foreliead, will sticke by me: cuckold? Swoundes cuckolde?

Tib. Away you foole did I know it was you that knockt. Come, come, you may call me as bad when you lift.

Cob. May I? Iwoundes Trb you are a whore:

Tib S'hart you he in your throte:

Cob. How the lye? and in my throtecoo? do you long to be stabed, ha?

Tib. Why you are no fouldier?

Cob? Masse that true, vvlien vvas Bobadilla heare? hat Rogue, that Slanes that feneing Burgullian? iletickse him I fai. h.

· Fib. Why what's the matter?

Cob. Oh he hath balted merarely; sumptiously! but I have it heare will sause him, oh the doctor, the honestest old Troian in all Italy, I do honour the very stea of his dog; a plague on him he put me once in a villanous solthy seare: marry it vanisht away like the smooke of Tobiced; but I was smooke soundly first, I thanke the Diuell, and his good Angell my guest: vvell vvise: or Tib (vvhich you vviil) get you in, and locke the doore I charge you, let no body into you: not Bobbadilla himselfe; nor the diuell in his likenesse; you are a vvoman; you have slesh and blood enough in you; therefore be not tempted; keepe the doore shut vportall rummers.

Tib. I vvarrant you there shall no body enter heare with-

out my consent.

Cob. Nor with your consent sweete Tib and so I leave you. Tib. Its more then you know, whether you leave me so.

Cob. How? Tib. Why sweete. Cob. Tut sweete, or source, thou are a slower.

Keepe closethy doore, I aske no more.

SCENA SEXTA.

Enter Lorenzo in Prospero, Stephano, Musco. Lo.in. Well Musco performe this businesse happily,

And

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And thou makest a conquest of my loue foreuer,

Prof. I fayth now let thy spirites put on their best habit. But at any hand remember thy mellinge to my brother.

For theres no other memes to start him?

Muf. I warrant you fir, feare nothing I have a nimble foule that hath wakt all my imaginative forces by this time, and put them in true motion: what you have possess me withall? He discharge it amply sir, Make no question.

Exit Musco.

Prof. Thats well fayd Musco: fayth firha how doll thou, aproue my vvit un this deutle?

Loin. Troth vvell, how soeuer? but excellent if it take.

Prof. Take man: why it cannot chuse but take, if the cira cumstances miscarry not, burtell me zealously : doit thou affect my lister Hesperida as thou pretendelt?

Lo.in. Prospero by Icsu,

Prof. Come do not protest I beleeue thee: I fayth she is a virgine of good ornament, and much modestie, vniesses conceiud very worthely of her, thou shouldest not have

Lo.in. Nay I thinke it a question whether I shall have her

for all that.

Prof. Sblood thou (hal have her, by this light thou shalt?

Lo.iu. Nay do not sweare.

Prof. By S. Marke thou shalt have her: ile go fetch her prefently, poynt but where to meete, and by this hand ile bring her?

Lo.in. Hold, hold, what all pollicie dead? no preuention of

mischiefes stirring.

Prof. Why, by what shall I sweare by? thou shalt have her

by my foulc.

Lo.in. I pray the haue patience I am satisfied : Prospero omit no offered occasion, that may make my defires compleate I befeech thee.

Prof. I warrant thee,

Excunt: ACTVS

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# Euery man in his Humor. ACTVS QVARTVS, SCENA PRIMA.

Enter Lorenzo senior, Peto, mening Musco.

Peto. Was your man a souldier sir.

Lo. I a knaue I tooke him vp begging vpon the way, This morning as I was cumming to the citie, Oh? heare he is; come on, you make fayre speede: Why? whereon Gods name have you beene so long?

Muf. Mary (Gods my comfort) where I thought I should

hauehad little comfort of your worships service:

Lo. How fo?

Mus. Oh God sir? your cumming to the citie, & your entertaynement of men, and your sending me to watch; indeede, all the circumstances are as open to your sonne as to your selfe.

Lo. How should that be? vnlesse that villaine Museo

Haue told him of the letter, and discouered

All that I strictly charged him to conceale? tis soe.

Mus. I sayth you have hit it: tis so indeede.

Lo. But how should he know thee to be my man.

Maf. Nay fir, I cannot tell; vnlesseit were by the blacke arte?

is not your sonne a scholler sir?

Lo. Yes; but I hope his soule is not allied To such a divelish practise: if it were, I had sust cause to weepe my part in him, And curse the time of his creation.

But where didst thou finde them Portensio?

Mas. Nay sir, rather you should aske where the found me? for ile be sworne I was going along in the streete, thinking nothing, when (of a suddayne) one calles, Signior Lorenzos man: another, he cries, Souldier; and thus halfe a dosen of them, till they had got me within doores, where I no sooner came, but out slies their rapiers and all bent agaynst my brest, they swore somet wo or three hundreth oathes, and all to tell me I was but a dead man, if I did not confesse where you were, and how I was imployed, and about what, which when they could not get out of me: (as Gods my indge, they should have kild me first) they lockt me up into a roome in the toppe of a house

house, where by great miracle (hauing a light hart) I slidde downe by a bottome of packthread into the streete, and so scapt: but marster, thus much I can assure you, for I heard it while I was lockt vp: there were a great many merchants and rich citizens wives with them at a banquet, and your sonne Signior Lorenzo, has poynted one of them to meete anone at one Cobs house, a waterbearers? that dwelles by the wall: now there you shall be sure to take him: for fayle he will not.

Lo. Nor will Ifayle to breake this match, I doubt not,

.Well: go thou along with maister doctors man,

And stay there for me? at one Cobs house says thou. Exit.

Must I sir, there you shall have him: when can you tell?
much wench, or much sonne: sblood when he has stayd there
three or source houres, travelling with the expectation of
somewhat; and at the length be delivered of nothing: oh the
sport that I should the take to look on him if I durst but now
I meane to appeare no more afore him in this shape: I have another tricke to act yet? oh that I were so happy, as to light
upon an ounce now of this doctors clarke: God save you sir,

Peto. I thanke you good sir.

Mus. I have made you stay somewhat long sir.

Peto. Not a whit fir, I pray you what fir do you meane: you have beene lately in the warres fir it seemes.

Mus. I Marry haue I fir.

Peto. Troth sir, I would be glad to bestow a pottle of wine of you if it please you to accept it.

Mus. Oh Lord sir.

Peto. But to heare the manner of you seruises, and your deuises in the warres, they say they be very strange, and not like those a man reades in the Romane histories.

Mus. Oh God no sir, why at any time when it please you, I shall be ready to descourse to you what I know: and more to

fomewhat.

Peto. No better time then now sir, weele goe to the Meeremaide there we shall have a cuppe of neate vane, I pray you sir let me request you.

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MUS

Muf. Ile follow you sir, he is mine owne I fayth.

Enter Babadillo, Lorenzo in Matheo, Scepbano.

Mat Signior did you ever fee the like cloune of him, where we vvere to days: fignior Prosperos brother? I thinke the vvhole earth cannot shew his like by Iesu.

Le. We were now speaking of him, signior Bebadille telles

mehe is fallen foule of you two.

Mai. Oh I sir, he threatned me with the bastinado.

Bo. I but I think I taught you atrick this morning for that, You shall kill him without all question: if you be so minded.

Mat. Indecde it is a most excellent tricke.

Bo. Oh you do not give spirit enough to your motion, you are too dull, too tardie: oh it must be done like lightning, hay?

Mát. Oh rare.

Bob. Tut tis nothing and the not done in a\_\_\_\_

Lo.in. Signior did you never play with any of our mai-Rers here.

Mat. Oh good fir.

Bob. Nay for a more instance of their preposterous humor, there came three or foure of them to me, at a gentlemans house, where it was my chance to bee resident at that time, to intreate my presence at their scholes, and withall so much importund me, that (I protest to you as I am a gentleman)I was ashamd of their rude demeanor out of all measure: vvell, I tolde them that to come to a publique schoole they should pardon me, it was opposite to my humor, but if so they would attend meat my lodging, I protested to do them what right or fauour I could, as I vvas a gentleman. &c.

Lo.m. So fir, then you tried their skill.

Bob. Alasse soone tried: you shall heare sir, within two or three dayes after, they came, and by Iefu good fignior beleeue me,I grac't them exceedingly, shewd them some two or three trickes of preuention, hath got them since admirable credit, they cannot denie this; and yet now they hate me, and why? because I am excellent, and for no other reason on the earth.

Losa. This is strange and vile as ever I heard.

they assaulted me some three, soure, sine, six, of them together as I have walkt alone, in divers places of the citie; as you the exchange, at my lodging, and at my ordinarie: where I have driven them afore me the whole length of a streete, in the open view of all our gallants, pittying to hurt them believe me; yet all this lenety will not depresse their spleane: they will be doing with the Pismier, raysing a hill, a man may spurne abroade with his soote at pleasure: by my soule I could have slayne them all, but I delight not in murder: I am lot hto beare any other but a bastinado for them, and yet I hould it good pollicie not to goe disarmed, for though I be skilfull, I may be suppressed with multitudes.

Lo. in 1 by Ielu may you fir and (in my conceite) our whole nation should sustain the losse by it, it it were follows

Bob. Alasse no: whats a peculier man, to a nution mot seene.

Lo in. I but your skill fir.

Bob. Indeede that might be some losse, but who respects it? I will telyou Signior (in private) I am a gentleman, and live here obscure, and to my selfe: but were I known to the Duke (observe m:) I would undertake (upon my heade and life) for the publique benefit of the state, not onely to spare the intire lives of his subjects in generall, but to save the one halfe: nay there partes of his yearely charges and how will I do it thinks you?

Logia, Nay I know not, nor can I conceiue.

Bo. Marry thus, I would select 19 moreto my selfe, throughout the land, gentlemethey should be of good spirit; strong & able constitutio, I would chuse the by an instinct, a trick that I have & I would teach these 19 the special tricks, as your Punte, your Reverso, your Stoccato, your Imbroccato, your Passisto, your Montaunto, till they could all play very neare or altogether as well as my selfe, this done; say the enemie were forty thousand strong; we twenty would come into the field the tenth of March, or there abouts; & would challen de twenty of the enemie? they could not in there honor resule the combat: wel, we would kil them:

I 2,

challenge

challenge twentie more, kill them; twentie more, kill them; twentie more, kill them too; and thus would we kill every man, his twentie a day, thats twentie score; twentie score, thats two hundreth; two hundreth a day, sine dayes a thousand: fortie thousand; fortie times sine, sine times fortie, two hundreth dayes killes them all, by computation, and this will I venture my life to performe: provided there be no treason practised upon vs.

Lo,in. Why are you so sure of your hand at all times?

Bob. Tut, neuer mistrust vpon my soule.

Lo,in. Masse I would not stand in signior Giuliano state, then;

And you meete him, for the wealth of Florence.

Bob. Why signior, by Iesu if hee were heare now: I would not draw my weapon on him, let this gentleman doe his mind, but I wilbastinado him (by heauen) & euer I meete him.

Mat. Fayth and ile haue a fling at him.

Enter Giuliano and goes out agayne.

Lo.in. Looke yonder he goes I thinke.

Gm. Sblood what lucke haue I, I cannot meete with these bragging rascalls.

Bob. Its not he sis it?
Lois. Yes fayth it is he?

Mat. lle be hangd then if that were he.

Lg.in. Before Godit vvas he: you make me sweare.

Step. V pon my faluation it was hee.

Bob. Well had I thought it had beene he: he could not have gone so, but I cannot be induc'd to beleeve it was he yet.

Enter. Giulliano.

Giu. Oh gallant haue I found you? draw to your tooles, draw, or by Gods will ile thresh you.

Bob. Signior heare me?

Gui. Draw your vycapons then:

Bob. Signior, I neuer thought it till now: body of S. George. I have a vvarrant of the peace served on me even now, as I came along by a vvaterbearer, this gentleman saw it, signior Masbee.

Gis. The peace? Sblood, you will not draw?

Matheorunnes away.

Lo, in. Hold signior hold, vnder He beates him and different thy fauour forbeare, him.

Giu. Prate agayne as you like this you whoreson cowards rascall, youle controuse the poynt you? your consort hee i

gone? had he stayd he had shard with yow infayth.

Exit Giulliano.

Bob. Well gentlemen beare vvitnesse I vvas bound to the peace, by Iesu.

Lo.in. Why and though you vvere sir, the lawe alowes you

to defend your selfe; thats but a poore excuse.

Bob. I cannot tell; I neuer sustayned the like disgrace (by heauen) sure I vyas strooke vvith a Plannet then, for I had no power to touch my vveapon.

Exic.

Loin, I like inough I have heard of many that have beene beaten under a plannet; goe get you to the Surgions, sblood and these be your tricks, your passados, & your Mountauntos ilenone of them: oh God that this age should bring foorth such creatures? come cosen.

Step. Masse ile haue this cloke. Loin. Gods yvill: its Giullianos.

Step. Nay but tis mine now, another might have tane it vp as well as I, ile vveate it so I vvill.

Lo.in. How and he seeit, heele challenge it assure your selfe.

Step. I but he shall not have it; ile say I bought it.

Lo.in. Aduise you cosen, take heede he give not you as much.

Exenni.

Enter Thorello, Prospero, Biancha, Hosperida.
Tho. Now trust me Prospero you were much to blame,

T'incense your brother and disturbe the peace, Of my poore house, for there be sentinelles,

That every minute watch to give alarames,

Of civill yvarre, vvithout adiection, Of your assistance and occasion.

Prof. No harme done brother I vvarrant you: fince there is

no harme done, anger costs a man nothing: and a tall man is never his owne man til he be angry, to keep his valure in obfeutitie: is to keepe himselfe as it were in a cloke-bag: vvhats a musition vnlesse he play? whats a tall man vnlesse he sight? for indeede all this my brother stands vpon absolutely, and that made me fall in vvith him so resolutely.

Bia. I but what harme might have come of it?

Prof. Might? so might the good warme cloathes your hufband viveares be poylond for any thing he knowes, or the vivholesome vine he drunke even now at the table.

The. Now God forbid: O me? now I remember, My vvifedrunke to me last; and changd the cuppe, And bad me yvare this cursed sute to day; See, if God suffer murder vndiscouered? I feele me ill; give me some Mithredate, Some Mithredate and oyle; good sister fetch me, O, I am sicke at hart: I burne, I burne; If you will save my life goe fetch it mee.

Prof.Oh strange humor my very breath hath poyfond him.

Hef. Good brother be content, what do you meane, The strength of these extreame conceites will kill you?

Bis. Beshrew your hart blood, brother Profeero,

For putting such a toy into his head.

Prof. Is a fit similie, a toy? will he be poysond with a similie? Brother Thorello, what a strange and vaine imagination is this? For shame be wifer, of my soule theres no such matter.

Tho. Am I not ficke? how am I then not poylond?

Am Inot poylond? how am I then so sicke?

Bia. If you be sicke, your owne thoughts make you sicke.

Prof. His realoucie is the poylon he hath taken.

Enter Musco like the dollors man.

Mus. Signior Thorello my maister doctor Clement salutes you, and desires to speake with you, with all speede possible.

The. No time but now? well, ile waite vpon his worship, Pizo, Cob, ile seeke them out, and set them sentinelles till I re-

turne

wrne. Pizo, Cob, Pizo. Exit.

Prof. Musco, this is rare, but how gotst thou this apparrel of

the doctors man.

Mus. Marry sir. My youth would needes bestow the wine of me to heare some martiall discourse; where I so marshald him, that I made him monstrous drunke, & because too much heate was the cause of his distemper, I stript him starke naked as he lay along a sleepe, and borrowed his sewt to deliuer this counterfeit message in, leaving a rustie armoure, and an olde browne bill to watch him; till my returne: which shall be when I have paund his apparrell, and spent the monie perhappes.

Prof. Well thou art a medde knaue Musco, his ebsence will be a good subject for shore mirth: I pray the returne to thy young maister Lorenzo, and will him to meete me and Hesperida at the Friery presently: for here tell him the house is so sturde with is alousse, that there is no roome for love to stand vpright in: but ile vse such meanes she shall come the ther, and that I thinke will meete best with his desires: Hye thee good Musco.

Mus. I goe fir.

Exit.

#### Enter Thorelloto him Pizo.

The. Ho Pizo, Cob, where are these villaines troe?
Oh, art thou there? Pizo harke thee here:
Marke what I say to thee, I must goe foorth;
Be carefull of thy promise, keepe good watch,
Note every gallant and observe him well,
That enters in my absence to thy mistrisse;
If she would shew him roomes, the least is stale,
Follow them Pizo or els hang on him,
And let him not go after, marke their lookes?
Note if she offer but to see his band,
Or any other amorous toy about him,
But prayse his legge, or foote, or if she say,

The

The day is hotte, and bid him feele her hand, How hot it is, oh thats a monstrous thing: Note meall this, sweete Pizo; marke their sighes, And if they do but vvisper breake them off, Ile beare thee out in it: vvilt thou do this? Wilt thou be true sweete Pizo?

Pi. Most true sir.

Tho. Thankes gentle Pizo: where is Cob? now: Cob?

Exit Thorello.

Bia. Hees euer calling for Cob, I vvonder how hee im-

playes Cob foe.

Prof. Indeede sister to aske how he imployes Cob, is a necessary question for you that are his vvise, and a thing not very easie for you to be satisfied in: but this ile assure you Cobs wise is an excellent baud indeede: and oftentimes your husband hauntes her house, marry to vvhat end I cannot altogether accuse him, imagine you vvhat you thinke connenient: but I haue knowne sayre hides haue soule hartes eare now, I can tell you.

Bia. Neuer fayd you truer then that brother? Pize fetch your cloke, aud goe with me, ile after him presently: I would to

Christ I could take him there I fayth.

Exeunt Pizo and Biancha.

Prof. So let them goe: this may make sport anone, now my fayre sister Hesperida: ah that you knew how happy a thing it were to be sayre and bewtifull?

Hef. That toucheth not me brother.

Prof. Thats true: thats even the fault of it, for indeede bewtie stands a woman in no stead, vales it procure her touching: but sister whether it touch you or noe, it touches your bewties, and I am sure they will abide the touch, and they doe not a plague of al ceruse say I, and it touches me to inpart, though not in the. Well, theres a deare and respected friend of mine sister, stands very strongly affected towardes you, and hath wowed to inflame whole bonesires of zeale in his hart, in honor of your perfections, I have already engaged my promise

to bring you where you shall heare him conferme much more then I am able to lay downe for him: Signior Lorenzo is the man: what say you sister shall I intreate so much sauour of you for my friend, is too direct and attend you to his meeting? wpon my soule he loues you extreamely, approve it sweete Hesperida will you?

Hest Fayth I had very little confidence in mine owne conflancie if I durst not meete a man: but brother Prospero this motion of yours saugurs of an olde knight aduenturers ser-

mant, me thinkes,

Prof. Whats that lister. Hef. Marry of the squire.

Prof. No matter Hesperida if it did, I vould be such an ons for my friend, but say, will you goe?

Hef. Brother I will, and blesse my happy starres.

Enter Clement and Thorello.

Cless. Why what villanie is this? my man gone on a false mellage, and runne away when he has done, why what trick is there in it trow? 1.2.3.4. and 5.

Tho. How: is my wife gone foorth, where is she sister?

Hef. Shees gone abrode with Pize.

Tho. Abrode with Pizo? oh that villaine dors me,

He hath discouered all vato my vvife.

Beaft that I was to truft him : whither went fhe?

Hef. I know not sir.

Prof. Ile tell you brother whither Isuspect shees gone,

Tho. Whither for Gods lake?

Prof. To Cobs house I beleeve: but keepe my counsayle. !
Tho. I will, I will, to Cobs house? doth she haunt Cobs.

Shees gone a purpose now to cuckold me,

With that lewd rascall, who to winne her fauour,

Hath told her all.

Ckm. But did you mistresse see my man bring him a mes-

fage.

Prof. That we did maister dostor.

E. Clem. And whither event the knaue?

Irof.

Prof. To the Taucrne I thinke sir.

Clem. What did Thorello give him any thing to spend for the message he brought him? if he did I should commend my mans wit exceedingly if he would make himselfe drunke, with the toy of it, sare well Lady, keepe good rule you two: I beseech you now: by Gods marry my man makes mee laugh.

Exit.

Prof. What a madde Doctor is this? come fifter lets away.

Excunt.

Enter Matheo and Bobadillo.

Mat. I vvonder signsor vvhat they will say of my going a-way: ha?

Bob. Why, what should they say? but as of a discreet gentle-Quick, wary, respectfull of natures, (man. Favreliniamentes, and that's all.

Mat. Why fo, but what can they fay of your beating?

Bob. A rude part, a touch with lost wood, a kinde of grosse batterie vsed, laydon strongly: borne most paciently, and that's all.

Mat. I but would any man have offered it in Venice?

Bob. Tut I assure you no: you shall have there your Nobilis, your Gentelezza, come in brauely upon your reverse, stand you close, stand you ferme, stand you fayre, save your retricato with his left legge, come to the assaulto with the right, thrust with braue steele, desire your base wood. But wherefore do I awake this remembrance? I was bewitcht by Iesu: but I will be reuengd.

Mar. Do you heare ist not best to get a warrant and haue

him arested, and brought before doctor Clement.

Bob. It were not amille would we had it.

Enter Musco.

Mat. Why here comes his man, lets speake to him.

Bob. Agreed, do you speake.

Mat. God faue you sir. Mus. Withall my hart sir?

Mat. Sir there is one Giulliano hath abused this gentleman

and me, and we determine to make our amendes by law, now if you would do vs the fauour to procure vs a warrant for his arest of your maister, you shall be well considered I

assure, I fayth sir.

Mus, Sir you know my service is my living, such savours as these gotten of my maister is his onely preferment, and therefore you must consider me, as I may make benefit of my place.

Mat. How is that?

Mus. Fayth sir, the thing is extraordinarie, and the gentleman may be of great accompt: yet be what he will, if you will lay me do wne flue crownes in my hand, you shall haue it, otherwise not.

Mat. How shall we do signior? you have no monie.

Bob. Not a crosse by Iesu.

Mat. Nor I before God but two pence: left of my two shillings in the morning for vvine and cakes, let's give him some pawne.

Bob. Pswne? we have none to the value of his demaunde.

Mat. Oh Lord man, ile pawne this iewell in my eare, and you may pawne your filke stockins, and pull vp your bootes, they will neare be mist.

Bob. Well and there be no remedie: ilestepaside and put

them of.

Mar. Doe you heare fir, we have no store of monie at this time, but you shall have good pawnes, looke you sir, this sewell, and this gentlemans silke stockins, because we would have it dispatcht ere we went to our chambers.

Muf. I am content fir, I will get you the warrant prefently

whats his name fay you (Giulliano)

Mat. I, I, Giulliano.

Mus. What manner of man is he?

Mat; A tall bigge man fir, he goes in a cloake most commonly of silke rustet: layd about with rustet lace,

Mul. Tis very goodlir.

Mai. Here sir, heres my iewell?

Bebt

Bob. And heare are Rockins.

Muss. Well gentlemen ile procure this vyaarmnt presently. and appoynt you a varlet of the citie to serue it, if youle be vpon the Realto anone, the variet shall meete you there.

Mat, Very good fir I wish no better.

Exerus Bobadilla and Matheo.

Mus. This is rare, now vvill I goe pawne this cloake of the dofters mans at the brokers for a varlets fute, and be the varlet my selle, and get eyther more pawnes, or more money of Giuliano for my arrest.

ACTVS QVINTVS. SCENA PRIMA.

Enter Lorenzo senior.

Lo.fe. Oh heare it is, I am glad I have found it now, Ho? vyho is vvithin hearc? Enter Tib.

Tib. I am within sir, whats your pleasure?

Lose. To know vvho is vvithin besides your selfe.

Tib. Why fir, you are no constable I hope?

Lose. O feare you the constable? then I doubt not You have some guests within deserve that feare, He fetch him straight.

Tib. A Gods name fir.

Lo fe, Go to, tell me is not the young Lorenzo here?

Tib. Young Lorenze, I saw none such fir, of mine honestie.

Lo. fe. Go to, your honestie flies too lightly from you:

Theres no way but fetch the constable.

Tib. The constable, the man is mad I think. Claps to the decre, Enter Pizo, and Biancha.

Pizs. Ho, vvho keepes house here?

Lo.fe. Oh, this is the female copel-mate of my fonne.

Now shall I meete him straight. Bia, Knocke Pizo pray thee.

Pi. Ho good vvife.

Tib. Why whats the matter with you. Enter Tib. Bia, Why vvoman, grieues it you to ope your doored

Belike you get something to keepe it shut. Tib. What meane these questions pray ye?

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Bis. So strange you make it? is not Therello my tryed huf-band here.

Losse. Her husband?

Tib. I hope he needes not to be tryed here.

Bia. No dame : he hoth it not sor neede but pleasure.

Tib. Neyther for neede nor pleasure is he here.

Lo./e. This is but a deuile to balke me vvith al; Soft, whoes

this? Enter Thorello.

Bis. Oh fir, haue I fore-stald your honest market?
Found your close walkes? you stand amazd now, do you?

I fayth (I am glad) I haue smokt you yet at last;

Whats your iewell trow? In: come lets see her;

Fetch foorth your huswife, dame; if she be fayrer

In any honest judgement then my selfe,

He be content with it: but she is chaunge,

She feedes you fat; she soothes your appetite,

And you are well: your vvife an honest vvoman,

Is meate twise sod to you sir; A you trecher.

Lose. She cannot counterfeit this palpably.

The Out on thee more then strumpets impudencie,

Stealst thou thus to thy hauntes? and haue I taken,

Thy band, and thee, and thy companion?

This hoary headed letcher, this olde goate

Close at your villanie, and wouldst thou scuseit,

With this stale harlots iest, accusing me?

O ould incontinent, dost thou not shame,

When all thy powers inchassitie is spent,

To have a minde so hot? and to entile

And feede the intisements of a lust full woman?

Bis. Out I defie thee I, desembling wretch:

The. Defie me strumpet?aske thy paunder here,

Can he denie it? or that wicked elder.

Losen, Why heare you signior?

The. Tut, tut, neuer speake,

Thy guiltie conscience will discouer thee:

Loge. What lunacie is this that haunts this man?

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Enter Giulliano.

Gin, Oh fister did you see my doake?

Bia. Not I, I see none.

Gir. Godslife I hauelost it then, saw you Hesperida?

Tho. Hesperidal is she not at home

Gin, No the is gone abroade, and no body can tell me of it at home.

Exit.

Tho. Oh heauen,? abroade? what light? a harlot too? Why? why? harke you, hath she? hath she not a brother? A brothers house to keepe? to looke vnto?

But the must fling abroade, my wife hath spoyld her,

She takes right after her, the does, the does,

Well you goody baud and Enter Cob.

That make your husband fuch a hoddy dody;

And you young apple squire, and olde cuckold maker,

Ile haue you euery one before the Doctor, Nay you shall answere it I chardge you goe.

Life. Marry withall my hart, ilegoe willingly: how have

I vvrongd my selfe in comming here.

Bi.Go with thee?ile go with thee to thy shame, I warrant thee.

Cob. Wny vvhats the matter? vv hats here to doe?
Tho. What Cob art thou here? oh I am abusd,
And in thy house, vvas neuer man so vvrongd.

Cob. Slid in my house? who warongd you in my house?
Tho. Marry young lutt in olde, and olde in young here,

Thy wifes their band, here have I taken them.

Cob. Doe you here? did I not, charge you Cob beates his keepe your dores shue here, and do you let them lieopen for all comers, do you scratch.

Lose. Friend have patience if the have done wrong in this

let her answere it afore the Magistrate.

Cb. I, come, you shall goe afore the Do Ror.

Tib. Nay, I will go, ile see and you may be aloud to beate your poore wise thus at every cuckoldly knaues pleasure, the Diuell and the Pox take you all for me: why doe you not goe now.

Tho.

The A bitter queane, come weele haue you tamd. Exempt Enter Musco alone.

Must. Well of all my disguises yet now am I most like my selfe, beeing in this variets suit, a man of my present profession neuer counterfeites till he lay holde vpon a debtor, and sayes he rests him, for then he bringes him to al manner of vnress; A kinde of little kings vve are, bearing the diminitiue of a mace made like a young Hartechocke that alwayes carries Pepper and salte in it selfe, well I know not what danger I vnder go by this exploite, pray God I come vvell of.

Enter Bobadilla and Matheo,

Mat. See I thinke yonder is the varlet.

Bob. Lets go inquest of him.

Mat. God saue you friend, are not you here by the appoyntment of doctor Clemants man.

Mus. Yes and please you sir, he told me two gentlemen had wild him to procure an arest vpon one signior Giullians by a warrant from his maister, which I have about me.

Mat: It is honestly done of you both, and see where hee coms you must arest, vppon him for Gods sake before hee beware.

Enter Scephano.

Bob. Beare backe Matheo?

Mus. Signior Giulliano I arest you sir in the Dukes name.

Step. Signior Giulliano? am I fignior Giulliano? I am one fignior Stephano I tell you, and you do not vvell by Gods flid to arest me, I tell you truely; I am not in your mailters bookes, I would you should vvell know I: and a plague of God on you for making me afrayd thus.

Muf. Why, how are you deceived gentlemen?
Bet. He weares such a cloake, and that deceived vs.

But see here a coms, officer, this is he.

Enter Giulliano.

Gin. Why how now fignior gull: are you aturnd flincher of lates come deliuer my cloake.

Step. Your cloake su? I bought it euen now in the market.

K 4. Mus.

Mus. Signior Giulliano I must arest yousir.

Gin, Arrest me sir, at whose suite? Mus. At these two gentlemens.

Giu. I obey thee varlet; but for these villianes—

Mus. Keepe the peace I charge you sir, in the Dukes name.

Giu. Whats the matter variet?

Mus. You must goe before maister dostor Clement sir, to answere what these gentlemen will object agaynst you, harke you sir, I will vie you kindely.

Mat. Weele be euen with you sir, come signior Bebadilla, weele goe before and prepare the doctor: varlet looke to him,

Breunt Bobadilla and Matheo.

Bob. The variet is a tall man by Iesu.

Giu. Away you rascalles, Signior I shall haue my cloake.

Step. Your cloake: I say once agayne I bought it, and ile keepeit.

Gin. You will keepe it?

Stop. I, that I will.

Gin. Varlet stay, heres thy fee arrest him.

Mus. Signior Scepbano I arrest you.

Step. Arrest me? there take your cloake: ile none of it.

Gin. Nay that shall not serue your turne, variet, bring him away, ile goe with thee now to the dostors, and carry him along,

Step. Why is not here your cloake? what would you have?

Giu. I care not forthat. Mus. I pray you sir.

Gin. Neuertalke of it; I will have him answere it.

Mus. Well sir then ile leaue you, ile take this gentlemans woorde for his appearance, as I have done yours.

Gin. Tutile haue no woordes taken, bring him along to

answere it.

Mus. Good sie I pitie the gentlemans case, heres your monie agayne.

Gin. Gods

Giu. Gods bread, tell not me of my monie, bring him a-

Must I warrant you, he will goe with you of himselfe.

Giu. Yet more adoc?

Mus. I have made a fayre mashe of it.

Step. Must I goe? Exeunt.

Enter doctor Clement, Thorello, Lorenzo se. Biancha,

Pizo, Tib, a sernant er two of the Doctors.

Clem. Nay but stay, stay give me leave; my chayre sirha? you signior Lorenzo say you went thether to meete your sonne.

Lo.fe. I fir.

Clem. But who directed you thether?

Lo. se. That did my man fir?

Clim. Where is hee?

Lo. se. Nay I know not now, I left him with your clarke, And appointed him to stay here for me.

Clem. About what time was this?

Lo. se. Marry betweene one and two as I take it.

Clem So, what time came my man with the message to you Signior Theresto?

Tho. After two sir.

Clem. Very good, but Lady how that you were at Cobs: ha?
Bia. And please you sir, ile tell you: my brother Prospero
tolde me that Cobs house vvas a suspected place.

Clem. So it appeares me thinkes; but on,

Bia. And that my husband vsed thether dayly; Clem. No matter, so he vse himselfe vvell.

Bis. True sir, but you know what growes by such haunts oftentimes.

Clem. I, ranke fruites of a lealous brayne Lady: but did you finde your husband there in that case, as you suspected.

The. I found her there fir.

Clem. Did you so? that alters the case; who gave you knowledge of your wives beeing there?

Tho. Marry that did my brother Prospero.

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Clem.

Clem. How Prospero, sirst tell her, then tell you after? voliere is Prospero.

The. Gone with my fifter fir, I know not whither.

Clem. Why this is a meare tricke, a deuise; you are gulled in this most grossy: alasse poore wench wert thou beaten for this, how now sirhavvhats the matter? Enter one of the Do, men.

Ser. Sir theres a gentleman in the court vvithout defires to speake vvith your vvorship.

Ckm. A gentleman? whats he? Sm. A Souldier, fir, he fayeth.

Clem. A Souldier? fetch me my armour, my sworde, quickly a souldier speake with me, why when knaues, — come on, come on, hold my cap there, so; give me my gorget, my sword stand by I will end your matters anone; let the souldier enter, now fir what have you to say to me?

Enter Bobadillo and Matheo.

Bub. By your vvorships fauour.

Clem. Nay keepe out fir, I know not your pretence, you send me vvord fir you are a souldier, vvhy sir you shall bee answezed here, here be them have beene amongst souldiers. Sir

your pleasure.

Bob, Fayth fir so it is: this gentleman and my selfe have beene most violently vvronged by one signior Giulliano: a gallant of the citie here and for my owne part I protest, beeing a man in no sorte given to this silthy humor of quarreling, he hath asaulted me in the vvay of my peace: dispoyld me of mine honor, disarmd me of my vveapons, and beaten me in the open streetes: vvhen I not so much as once offered to refiss him.

Clem. Oh Gods precious is this the souldier? here take my armour quickly, twill make him swoone I seare; he is not fit to looke on't, that will put up a blow.

Enter Seruant.

Mat. Andt please your worship he was bound to the peace. Clem. Why, and he were sur, his hands were not bound, were they?

Ser.

Ser. There is one of the varlets of the citie, has brought two

gentlemen here vpon arest sir.

Clem. Bid him come in, set by the picture: now fir, what? signior Giulliano? ist you that are arest with Giu. Stephano.

Stephano.

Giu. If syth maister Dollor, and heres another brought at my

suite.

Clem. What are yo fir.

Step. A gentleman fir? oh vncle? Cless. Vncle? vvho, Lorenzo?

Lo.fe. I Sir.

Sup. Gods my vvitnesse my vnde, I am vvrongd here monstrously, he chargeth me vvith stealing of his cloake, & vvould I might neuer stir, if I did not finde it in the street by chance.

Gin. Oh did you finde it now? you saide you bought it ere

vvhiles

Step. And you sayd I stole it, may now my vnckle is here I care not.

Clem. Well let this breath a while; you that have cause to complaine there, stand foorth; had you a warrant for this arrest.

Bob. I andt please your vvorship.

Clem. Nay do not speake in possion so, where had you it?

Bob. Of your clarke sir.

Clem. Thats evelland my clarke can make evarrants, and my hand not at them; where is the evarrant? variet haue you it?

Mus. No sir your vvorshippes man bid me doe it; for these

gentlemen and he would be my discharge.

Clem. Why fignior Giulliane, are you fuch a nouice to be arrested and neuer see the yvarrants

Giu. Why sir, he did not arrest me.

[Ciem. No? how then?

Gin. Marry fir he came to me and fayd he must arrest me, and he would vie me kindely, and so foorth.

Class. Oh Gods pittie, vvas it so sir, he must arrest you: give

me my long sworde there : helpe me of; so, come on fir variet, I must cut of your legges sirha; nay stand vp sle vse you kindly; I must cut of your legges Isay.

Mus. Oh good sir I beseech you, nay good maister doctor,

Ch good sir.

Clem. I must do it; there is no remedie;

I must cut ot your legges sirha.

I must cut of your eares, you rascall Imust do it; I must cut of your nose, I must cut of your head.

Mus. Oh tor God sake good Maister Doctor.

Clem. Well rise how does thou now? does thou feele thy felse well? hast thou no harme?

Must. No I thanke God fir and your good worshippe.

Clem. Why so I sayd I must cut of thy legges, and I must cut of thy armes, and I must cut of thy head: but I did not do it: so you sayd you must arrest this gentleman, but you did not arrest him you knaue, you sue, you rogue, do you say you must arrest sirha: away with him to the sayle, ile teach you'a tricke for your must.

Mus. Good M. Doctor I beseech you be good to me.

Clem. Marry a God:away with him I fay.

Mus. Nay sblood before I goe to prison, ile put on my olde brasen face, and disclaime in my vocation: Ile discouer thats slat, and I be committed, it shall be for the committing of more villainies then this, hang me, and I loose the least graine of my fame.

Clem. Why? when knaue? by Gods marry, ile clappe thee

by the heeles to.

Mus. Hold, hold, I pray you.

Clem. Whats the matter? Stay there.

Mus. Fayth sir afore I goe to this house of bondage, I have a case to vnfolde to your worshippe: which (that it may appeare more playne vnto your worshippes view) I do thus first of all vncase, & appeare in mine owne proper nature, servant to this gentleman: and knowne by the name of Musco.

Lose. Ha? Musco.

Step. Oh vncle, Musco has beene with my cosen and I

all this day.

Clem. Did not I tell you there was some deuise.

Mus. Nay good M. Doctor fince I hane layd my selfe thus open to your worship: now stand strong for me, till the progresse of my tale be ended, and then if my vvit do not descrue your countenance: Slight throw it on a dogge, and let me goe hang my selfe.

Cle. Body of me a merry knaue, giue me a boule of Sack, signior Lorenzo, I bespeak your patience in perticuler, marry your cares ingenerall, here knaue, Doctor Clement drinkes to thee.

Mus. I pledge M. Doctor and't were a sea to the bottome. Cie. Fill his boule for that, fil his boule: fo, now speak freely. Mus. Indeede this is it will make a man speake freely. But to the poynt, know then that I Musco (beeing somewhat more trusted of my maister then reason required, and knowing his intent to Flerence) did assume the habit of a poore souldier in wants, and minding by some meanes to intercept his iorney in the mid way, twixt the grandg and the city, I encountred him; where begging of him in the most accomplishe and true garbe (as they tearme it) contrarie to al expectation, he reclaimd me from that bad course of life; entercayned me into his service, imployed me in his busines, possess me with his secrets, which Ino sooner had received, but (seeking my young maister, and finding him at this gentlemans house) I revealed all most amply: this done, by the deutse of signior Prospero, and him together, I returnd (as the Rauen did to the Arke) to mine olde mailler againe, told him he thould finde his fonne in what maner heknows, at one Cobs house, where indeede he neuer ment to come, now my mailter he to maintayne the 1eft, went thether, and left me with your vvorships clarke: who being of a most fine supple disposition (as most of your clarkes are) proffers me the wine, which I had the grace to accept very eafily, and to the tauerne we went: there after much ceremonie, I madehim drunke in kindenesse, stript him to his shurt, and leauing him in that coole vayne, departed, frolicke, courtier like, having obtayned a fuit: which fuit fitting me exceedingly well. L 30.

well, I put on, and vsurping your mins phrase & action, caried a mellage to Signior Thorello in your name: which mellage vvas meerely deuised but to procure his absence, while signior Prospero might make a conveiance of Hesperida to my maister.

Clem's Stay, fill me the boule agayne, here; twere pittie of his life would not cherish such a spirite: I drinke to thee, fill him wine, why now do you perceive the tricke of it.

Tho. I,I, perceiue vvell vve vvereall abuid-

Lo.fe. Well what remedie?

Clem. Where is Lorenzo, and Prospero canst thou tell?

Mus. I sir, they are at supper at the Meeremaid, where I lest your man.

Clem. Sirha goe warne them hether presently before me: and if the hower of your fellowes refurrection become bring him to, But forwarde, forwarde, vyhen thou hadst beene at Thorrellos. Exit | eruant.

Muf. Marry fir (comming along the streete) these two gentlemen meet me, and very strongly supposing me to be your worships scribe, entreated me to procure them a warrant, for the arrest of signior Guillians, I promist them upon some paire of silke stockins or a lewell, or so, to do it, and to get a variet of the citie to serue it, which vatlet I appoynted should meete them vpon the Realto at such an houre, they no sooner gone, but I in a meere hope of more gaine by fignior Ginlliano, went to one of Satans old Ingles a broker, & there paund your mans liueric, for a varlets luite, which here with my selfe, I offer vnto your vvorships consideration.

Clem. Well give me thy hand: Proh. superi ingenium magnum quis noscit Homerum. Ilias aternum si latuisset opus? I admire thee I honor thee, and if thy maister, or any man here be angry with thee, I shall suspect his wit while I know him for it, doc you heare Signior Thorello, Signior Lorenzo, and the rest of my good friendes, I pray you let me have peace when they come, I have fent for the two gallants and Hesperida, Gods marry I

muli haue you friendes, how now? what noy le is there?

Enter sermant, then Peto. Ser. Sir it is Peto is come home.

Clem.

Cle. Peto bring him hether, bring him hether, what how now fignior drunckard, in armes against me, ha? your reason your Pelbescech your worship to pardon me. (reason for this.

Clem. Well, sirhatell him I do pardon him.

Pe. Truly (ir I did happen into bad companie by chance and they cast me in a sleepe and stript me of all my cloathes.

Chm. Tut this is not to the purpose touching your armour,

what might your armour lignifie.

Pe. Marry first hung in the roome where they fript me, and I borrowed it of on of the drawers, now in the cuening to come home in, because I was loth to come through the street in my

Enter Lorenzoiunior, Prospero, Hesperida. Clem. Well disame him, but its no matter let him stand by, who be thefe? oh young gallants; welcome, welcome, and you Lady, nay neuer scatter such amazed lookes amongst vs, Qui nil potest sperare desperet nibil.

Prof. Faith M. Do flor thats even I, my hopes are smal, and my: dispaire shal be as little. Brother, sitter, brother what clondy, cloudy? and will noe furshine on these lookes appeare, well since there is such a tempest towarde, ile be the porpuis, ile daunce: wench be of good cheare, thou halt a cloake for the rayne yet, where is he? S'hart how now, the picture of the prodigal, go to ile haue the calfe drest for you at my charges.

Lo.fe. Well sonne Lorenzo, this dayes worke of yours hath much deceived my hopes, troubled my peace, and fretcht my

patience further then became the spirite of dutie.

Ch. Nay Gods pitie signior Lorenzo you shall vrge it no more come fince you are here, ile haue the disposing of all, but first fignior Giulli mo at my request take your cloake agayne.

Gu. Well fir I am content.

Cle. Stay now let me see, oh signior Snow liner I had almost forgotten him, and your Genius there, what doth he suffer for a good conscience to? doth he beare his crosse with patience. Mu. Nay they have scarse one cros between the both to beare, Clem. Why doest thou know him, what is he? what is he? Must. Marry search his pocket sir, and thele shew you he is an Author Sir. Clema.

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Cle. Die mihi musa virum: are you an Author sir, giue me leaue a little, come on sir, ile make verses with you now in honor of the Gods, and the Goddesses for what you dare extempore; and now I beginne.

Mount the my Phlegonmuse, and testifie, How Saturne sitting in an Ebon cloud,

Difrobd his podex, white as inmie,

And through the welkin thundred all aloud. theres for you fir.

Prof. Oh he writes not in that height of stile.

Clem. No: weele come asteppe or two lower then.

From Catadupa and the bankes of Nile,

Where onely breedes your monstrous Crocodile:

Now are me purposator eo feech our stile.

Prof. Oh too farre fetcht for him still maister Doctor: Ciem. I, say you so, lets intrea: a sight of his vaine then?

Pros. Signior, maister Doctor desires to see a sight of your

vaine, nay you must not denie him.

Cle. What; althis verse, body of me he carries a whole realme; a common wealth of paper in his hose, lets see some of his subjects.

Vnto the boundlesse ocean of thy bewite,

Runnes this poore river, charged with st reames of zeale,

Returning thee the tribute of my dutie:

Which here my youth, my plaints, my loue reueale.

Good? is this your owne invention?

Mar. Nosir, I translated that out of a booke, called Delia.

C.On but I wold see some of your owne, some of your owne.

Mu. Sir; heres the beginning of a sonnet I made to my
mistresse.

Clem. That that: who? to Maddona Hesperida is she your mistresse.

Prof. It pleaseth him to call her so, sir.

Clem. In Sommer eime when Pinæbus golden rayes.

You translated this ton? did you not?

Pros. No this is invention; he found it in a ballad.

M.t. Fayth sir, I had most of the conceite of it out of a ballad indeede.

Clem

Clem. Conceite, fetch me a couple of torches, sirha, I may see the conceite: quickly? sts very darke?

Giu. Call you this poetry?

Lo.in. Poetry? nay then call blasphemie, religion;

Call Diuels, Angels; and Sinne, pietie:

Let'all things be preposterously transchangd.

Lo fe. Why how now sonne? what? are you startled now?

Hath the brize prickt you? ha? go to; you see,

How abieelly your Poetry is ranckt, in generall opinion.

Leiu. Opinion, O God let grosse opinio sinck & be dainnd

As deepe as Barathrum,

If it may stand with your most wisht content,

I can refell opinion and approue,

The state of poesie, such as it is,

Blessed, aternall, and most true deuine:

Indeede if you will locke on Pocfic,

As the appeares in many, poore and lame,

Patcht vp in remnants and olde worne ragges,

Halfe starud for want of her peculiar foode:

Sacred inuention, then I must conferme,

Both your conceite and censure of her merrite,

But view her in her glorious ornaments,

Attired in the maiestie of arte,

Set high in spirite with the precious talle,

Offweete philosophie, and vvhich is moth,

Crownd with the rich traditions of a foule,

That hates to have her dignitie prophand,

With any relish of an earthly thought:

Oh then how proud a presence doth she beare.

Then is she like her selfe fit to be seene,

Of none but grave and confecrated eyes:

Nor is it any blemish to her fame,

That such leane.ignorant, and blasted wits,

Such brainlesse guls, should vtter their stolne wares

With such aplauses in our vulgar eares:

Or that their subberd lines have currant passe,

From the fat judgements of the multitude,

But

But that this barren and infested age, Should set no difference twixe their empty spirits, And a true Poet: then which reuerend name,

Nothing can more adorne humanitie. Enter with torches. Clem. I Lorenzo, but election is now governd altogether by the influence of humor, which infleed of those holy flames that should direct and light the soule to eternitie, hurles foorth nothing bu: smooke and congested vapours, that stiffe her vp, & bereame her of al fight & motion, But flie must have store of Ellebore, given her to purge these grosse obstructions: oh thats well sayd, give methy torch, come lay this stuffe together . So, giue fire? there, see, see, how our Poets glory shines brighter, and brighter, still, still it increaseth, oh now its at the highest, and now it declines as fast: you may see gallants, Sie transit gloria mundi, Well now my two Signior out sides, stand foorth, and lend me your large eares, to a sentence, to a sentence: first you fignior shall this night to the cage, and so shall you fir, from thence to morrow morning, you signior shall be carried to the market crosse, and be there bound: and so shall you sir, in a large motlie coate, with a rodde at your girdle; and you in an olde suite of sackcloth, and the ashes of your papers (saue the ashes sirha) shall mourne all day, and at night both together sing some ballad of repentance very pitteously, which you shall make to the tune of Who lift to leade and a fouldiers life. Sirhabil man, imbrace you this torch, and light the gentlemen to their lodgings, and because we tender their safetie, you shall watch them to night, you are prouided for the purpofe, away and looke to your charge with an open eye firha.

Bob. Well I am arond in soule agaynst the worst of fortune.

Mat. Fayth so should I be, and I had slept on it. Pe. I am armd too, but I am not like to sleepe on it.

Mus. Oh how this pleaseth me. Exeunt.

Ciem. Now Signior Thorello, Giulliano, Prospero, Biancha,

Step. And not me fir.

Clem. Yes and you fire I had lost a sheepe and he had not bleated, I must have you all friends: but first a worde with

you

you young gallant, and you Lady.

Giu. Wel brother Prospero by this good light that shines here I am loth to kindle freth coles, but and you had come in my walke within these two houres I had given you that you should not have clawne of agayne in hast, by Iesus I had done it, I am the arrenst rogue that ever breathd else, but now beshrew my hart if I beare you any malice in the earth.

Prof. Fayth I did it but to hould up a lest: and helpe my sifter to a husband, but brother Thorello, and sister, you have a spice of the yealous yet both of you, (in your hose I meane,) come do not dwell upon your anger so much, lets all be smoth

fore headed once agayne.

Tho. He playes upon my fore head, brother Giulliano, I pray you tell me one thing I shall aske you: is my foreheade any thing rougher then it was wont to be.

Gin. Rougher? your forehead is smoth enough man. Tho. Why should he then say? be smoth foreheaded,

Vnleise he iested at the smothnesse of it? And that may be; for horne is very smoth; So are my browes? by lesu, smoth as horne?

Bis. Brother had he no haunt thether in good fayth?

Prof. No vpon my foule.

Bis. Nay then sweet hart: nay I pray the be not angry, good faith ile neuer suspe at thee any more, nay kille mesweet musle.

The. Tell me Brancha, do not you play the woman with me.

Bis. Whats that sweete hart.

Tho. Dissemble?

The Nay doe not turne away: but say I fayth was it not a much appoynted twixt this old gentleman and you?

Bia. A match.

Tho. Nay if it were not, I do not care: do not weepe I pray thee sweete Biancha, nay so now? by Iesus I am not icalous, but resolved I have the faythfull wife in Italie.

For this finde where iealousie is fed,

Hornes in the minde are worse then on the head.

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#### Every manilyhis Humor.

See what a drove of hornes flie in the agre;
Wingd with my cleanfed, and my credulous breath:
Wash them suspicious eyes watch where they fall,
See see, on heades that thinke they have none at all.

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Ikben agric regnes bernes all men before of some.
Clem. Why that's well; come then: what say you are all a-

greed? doth none thand out.

s Prof None but this gentleman: to whom in my owne perlond we all duties and affection; but most seriously intrease pandons for what society hat h past in these occurrants, that might be contrarie to his most desired content.

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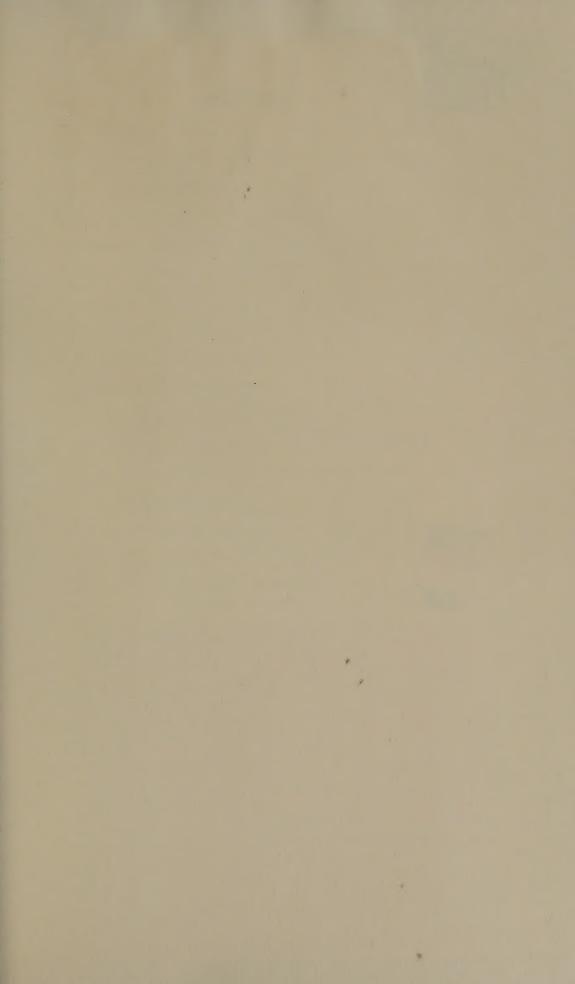
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Clem. Well then I consure you all here to put of all discontentment, first you Signior Lorenzo your cares; you, and you, your leasons: you your anger, and you your wit sir and for a peace offering, here one willing to be facrifised upporthis aulter: say do you approve my motion?

Prof. We doe ite be mouth for all.

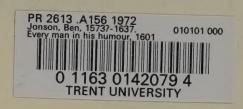
clem. VVhy then I with them all ioy, and now to make our eneming happinesse more full: this night you shall be all my guestes: where weele inioy the very spirite of mirth, and carouse to the health of this Heroick spirite, whom to honor the more I do inuest in my owne robes, desiring you two Giulliano, and Prospero, to be his supporters, the trayne to follow, my selfe will leader, where by my page here with this honorable verse. Claudite iam rivos pueri sat prata biberunt.

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